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1. Palestine.

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PALESTINE.

THE HIGH COMMISSIONER to THE SECRETARY OF STATE.

(Received 22nd January, 1934.)

[*Answered by No. 7.*]

(Confidential " A.")

SIR, 15th January, 1934.

I have the honour to forward herewith in printed form for your approval the draft Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure* of the Palestine Government in respect of the financial year from the 1st of April, 1934, to the 31st of March, 1935, together with:—

(i) A memorandum† by the Treasurer upon the draft Estimates of Revenue;

(ii) a memorandum‡ explaining certain items of expenditure under the various *Heads* to which brief references only are made in the Remarks Column of the printed draft, but excluding *Head XXI* Trans-Jordan Frontier Force;

(iii) a memorandum§ by the General Manager on the Railway Estimates.

2. The Abstracts of Revenue and Expenditure show that the revised revenue for the current year is £P.3,714,870 as compared with the original estimate of £P.2,859,745; that the revised expenditure is £P.2,740,500 as compared with the approved estimate of £P.2,848,418; and that the resulting revised estimated surplus of revenue over expenditure is £P.974,370 as compared with an original estimate of £P.11,327.

3. The estimated surplus at the 31st of March next is, therefore, £P.2,204,666 as under:—

	£P.	£P.
Actual surplus at 31st March, 1933		1,230,296
Revised estimated revenue for 1933–34	3,714,870	
Revised estimated expenditure for 1933–34	2,740,500	
		974,370
Revised estimated surplus at 31st March, 1934 ..		£P.2,204,666

4. Of this amount, it is estimated that £P.1,602,666 is " free " and unhypothecated as under:—

	£P.	£P.
Revised estimated surplus at 31st March, 1934 ..		2,204,666
Less:		
Outstanding claims from Ottoman Public Debt, etc.	143,000	
Liability for construction of married quarters for troops in Palestine	159,000	
Treasury working balance	300,000	
		602,000
		£P.1,602,666

I am addressing you separately on the matter of the establishment of the Reserve Fund, and am recommending that £P.1,500,000 should be contributed from the estimated surplus at the 31st of March next as a first instalment to the Fund.

5. The revised estimated revenue for the current year exceeds the original estimate by £P.855,125 as under:—

	£P.	£P.
Increases:		
Customs	600,000	
Port and Marine	15,950	
Fees, Receipts, etc.	168,725	
Posts and Telegraphs	42,900	
Interest	12,000	
Miscellaneous	40,000	
Land Sales	5,000	
		884,575
Decreases:		
Licences, Taxes, etc.	25,550	
Revenue from Government Property	3,900	
		29,450
Net Increase		£P.855,125

* Not reprinted. † Not printed here. ‡ Not printed here. § Not printed here.

6. The increase under Customs for Import Duty is mainly due to the larger volume of goods imported to meet the requirements of the increased population resulting from immigration and to increased capital importations by immigrants of independent means in the form of imported goods; it is also due to the necessity which arose to import large quantities of foreign wheat and flour and rice owing to the shortage of the local crop.

The increase under Port and Marine reflects increased trade activities generally.

7. The receipts from Fees, too, mostly exceed the estimate by substantial amounts particularly under Court Fees (£P.10,000), Registration of Immigrants (£P.10,500), and Registration of Land (£P.120,000). The increased receipts under Posts and Telegraphs are due to the growth of the population and to improved trade conditions.

The increase in revenue and the investment of surplus funds have added appreciably to the estimated receipts from interest on investments.

The increase under Miscellaneous is due to the payment by the Currency Board of £P.90,000, instead of £P.50,000 as originally estimated, in respect of the Government share in the profits from currency during 1932–33.

8. The decrease in estimated revenue under Licences, Taxes, etc., and under Revenue from Government Property is largely due to the falling-off of receipts from Tithes by reason of the large remissions necessitated by the failure of local crops; although receipts from Stamp Duties and Excise Duties show substantial increases.

9. The revised estimated expenditure for the current year is £P.107,918 less than the approved estimate as under: —

	£P.	£P.
Decreases:		
District Administration	5,042	
Judicial Department	4,804	
Department of Health	4,154	
Department of Education	5,054	
Land Settlement, Land Department and Surveys	6,370	
Police and Prisons	15,951	
Trans-Jordan Frontier Force	7,553	
Defence	19,000	
Posts and Telegraphs	4,381	
Miscellaneous	7,022	
Public Works Extraordinary	25,753	
Trans-Jordan Frontier Force Extraordinary	7,412	
Other Items	10,220	
		122,716
Increases:		
Posts and Telegraphs Extraordinary	7,750	
Railways	3,285	
Other Items	3,763	
		14,798
Net Increase		£P.107,918

10. Decreases, with the exception of those under Defence, Public Works Extraordinary, and Trans-Jordan Frontier Force Extraordinary, totalling £P.70,551, are in respect of savings generally and represent approximately 2·8 per cent. of the total provision. This can scarcely be regarded as excessive.

The decrease under Defence is due to the improbability of the purchase before the 31st of March next of land at Sarafand, and to savings generally.

The decrease under Public Works Extraordinary is mainly attributable to the fact that the approved estimate included provision of £P.24,000 for the Jerusalem Post Office which is now being met from Loan Funds; and to delay in the execution of works generally and in the negotiation and the completion of formalities for the purchase of lands. £P.42,607 has therefore had to be provided in the draft Estimates for 1934–35 in respect of revotes for Public Works Extraordinary and Trans-Jordan Frontier Force Extraordinary Works Services in progress including those for which supplementary provision was approved during the present year.

11. The increases mentioned in paragraph 9 have all been approved by you; but it should be explained that the revised deficit in the Railways, as compared with the original estimate is made up as follows:—

	Original Estimates. £P.	*Revised Estimates.* £P.
Deficit on Palestine Railways	117,715	60,000
Deficit on Hejaz Railway	—	4,000
	117,715	64,000
Profit on Kantara-Rafa Railway	—	6,000
	117,715	58,000
Deficit on Hejaz Railway in respect of previous years	—	48,000
	117,715	106,000
Payment to Mrs. Templeton for land for the Railway (*less* £P.5,000 already paid)	—	15,000
	£P.117,715	£P.121,000

The charge against Palestine revenues of the deficit on the Hejaz Railway and the crediting to Palestine revenues of the net profits of the Kantara-Rafa Railway in return for the payment of an annual rental charge were approved by you after the submission of the original estimates for 1933–34.

It is satisfactory to note the improvement in the financial position of the Palestine Railways which is the result of improved trade conditions.

12. The financial results as revealed in the revised Estimates for the year are extremely satisfactory, but it must be remembered that the anticipated revenue is due to somewhat abnormal circumstances. There has been a larger influx than usual of settlers of independent means; and the conditions governing the transfer of capital from abroad have obviously brought about larger importations from certain countries of emigration. The large addition to the population of the towns has created exceptional building activity which has led to wide-spread speculation in building sites. The necessity to supply the demands of new arrivals, including their demand for means of investment of imported capital, has created what it would be unwise to regard as more than an artificial and probably short-lived capacity for the absorption of labour and capital. I should be less concerned if evidence existed that staple industries producing for local consumption and for export were being established on a substantial scale and on an economic basis; but progress in this respect is still slow in Palestine. Another consideration is that the measures recently taken, and to be taken, to establish a more direct relation between immigration of capitalists and wage-earners, and the absorptive capacity of the country, may cause a slight set-back of the present favourable conditions.

I do not wish it to be thought that I anticipate, in 1934–35 at any rate, anything in the nature of a crisis in economic or financial affairs such as Palestine has previously experienced; nevertheless I agree with the Treasurer that due regard must be had to the probable effect of these measures on revenue receipts for 1934–35.

13. On the other hand, an increased population involves increased expenditure on essential services, and those services, Health, Educational, and Agricultural, must also be expended in the interests of the more backward sections of the population, within the limits of reasonable expectations of permanent revenue. Otherwise, the financial results of the current year might have afforded justification for reducing taxation; and unless in 1934–35 either taxation is reduced or essential services are increased there will, I consider, be grounds for the taxpayer to criticize Government's financial policy. I am, of course, not unmindful of the necessity of creating a Reserve Fund in prosperous years to provide against future decline in receipts or the necessity to undertake relief works if a crisis should occur in order to tide over a spell of deflation. I consider however, that, in present circumstances, it would be politically and economically unsound to supplement such a Reserve Fund in 1934–35 to the extent of the revenue surplus for the current year if such a course entails the postponement of essential services, whether recurrent or capital, or the maintenance of taxation at a higher rate than is warranted. I have however borne in mind, in increasing the provision for essential services under recurrent Heads, the limits of what is anticipated to be the permanent increase in ordinary revenue.

14. It will be observed that the revenue for 1934-35 is estimated at £P.3,503,655. This is £P.643,910 more than the original estimate for 1933-34 but £P.211,215 less than the revised estimate as under:—

	Compared with Original Estimate for 1933-34.	*Revised Estimate for 1933-34.*
	£P.	£P.
Increases:		
Customs	450,000	—
Port and Marine	24,700	8,750
Fees, etc.	89,010	—
Posts and Telegraphs	46,800	3,900
Revenue from Government Property	—	1,500
Interest	29,000	17,000
Miscellaneous	50,000	10,000
	£P.689,510	£P.41,150
Decreases:		
Customs	—	150,000
Licences, Taxes, etc.	43,200	17,650
Fees, etc.	—	79,715
Revenue from Government Property	2,400	—
Land Sales	—	5,000
	45,600	252,365
Net Increase	£P.643,910	—
Net Decrease	—	£P.211,215

15. I consider that a revenue in 1934-35 of £P.3,503,655 is a reasonable expectation, even when regard is had to the extraordinary character of certain anticipated receipts during the current year. It is essential that the revenue estimates should reflect as nearly as possible anticipated receipts for the year and the Treasurer's memorandum sets out the factors on which the revenue estimate for 1934-35 under each sub-head is based. He has sought to justify the Estimate for 1934-35 in relation both to the original and to the revised estimates in 1933-34. I have nothing to add to his explanations.

16. It is difficult to determine the constant element in the estimated revenue receipts for 1934-35 as distinct from that governed by factors which may or may not continue. But it is important that this should be essayed; and I see no reason to differ from the Treasurer's view that the total revenue for 1934-35 of more or less stable character may be estimated at £P.3,000,000, based upon the increase in the tax-paying population; and with his opinion that while there may be a slight falling-off in 1934-35 in the volume of Palestine's import trade, there is unlikely in 1934-35 to be any serious depression which would appreciably affect the normal tax-paying ability of the country as a whole. The provision under expenditure Heads for 1934-35 has therefore been made on the assumption that ordinary revenue for the year is stabilized at £P.3,000,000; and that the additional receipts in 1934-35 of a temporary nature will approximate £P.504,000.

17. As you are aware, proposals are under consideration for the introduction of a Rural Property Tax to take the place of the present Werko Tax in rural areas and the Tithe; but it will not be practicable to introduce this new tax in 1934-35. I do not anticipate, however, that the receipts from the proposed Rural Property Tax will exceed £P.100,000 which is the amount at present collected from Werko in rural areas, by reason of the fact that the new basis of assessment is a percentage on net annual value instead of on capital value as in the case of Werko, or on gross annual value as in the case of the Tithe. You have also approved of an Income Tax expert visiting Palestine to consider with my advisers the practicability of introducing an Income Tax from the point of view of the more equitable distribution and correction of the incidence of existing taxation and not solely for the purpose of increasing the aggregate of local taxation; but this proposal, also, is not reflected in the Revenue Estimates of 1934-35.

18. The draft estimates of Expenditure for 1934-35 total £P.3,201,949 which is £P.353,531 in excess of the estimated expenditure for 1933-34 as under:—

	Approved Estimates 1933-34.	*Estimates 1934-35.*	*Increase or Decrease.*
	£P.	£P.	£P.
Ordinary Expenditure under recurrent Heads (excluding Railways)	2,418,619	2,590,485	+ 171,866
Railways (excluding capital improvements)	112,215	62,116	− 50,099
Special Expenditure under recurrent Heads	41,069	62,353	+ 21,284
Capital Expenditure under recurrent Heads (Defence and Railways)	72,100	140,040	+ 67,940
Extraordinary Works	204,415	346,955	+ 142,540
	£P.2,848,418	3,201,949	+ 353,531

Taking the stabilized revenue for the year at £P.3,000,000, I am satisfied that the provision of £P.2,652,601 for ordinary expenditure under recurrent heads, including the Railways, is not excessive; and a reasonable margin is left for a normal programme of non-recurrent expenditure and for the recurrent commitments referred to in the succeeding paragraph.

19. The draft estimates for 1934-35 include no provision for the following commitments which may come on charge during the year and for which an adequate surplus of ordinary revenue must be kept:—

		£P.
Interest on proposed Loan of £P.2,000,000 at, say 3½ per cent.		70,000
Additional annual cost of Statistical Office, say		7,000
Cost of construction and maintenance of roads in Trans-Jordan for Haifa-Baghdad direct route:—		
Construction, say	£P.10,000	
Maintenance, say	£P. 5,000	
		15,000
Estimated recurrent expenditure on new Government Technical School		7,000
Estimated recurrent expenditure on proposed Government Broadcasting Station		6,000
Estimated excess of cost of Haifa Harbour construction and Jaffa Port improvements over provision in Loan Schedule and estimated cost of development of reclaimed area of Haifa Port, say		20,000
Estimated cost of Drainage of Birket Ramadan Swamp		20,000
		£P.145,000

Of this total of £P.145,000, £P.50,000 is for capital and is non-recurrent and £P.95,000 is for recurrent expenditure. The recurrent expenditure will be reducible in the case of Loan interest charges by interest received from the investment of unexpended Loan Funds and by grants from the Colonial Development Fund; and the larger part will ultimately be met by revenue-producing works themselves. Receipts from fees paid by students of the Government Technical School and from licence fees for additional wireless sets will also accrue. It is unlikely however that the whole of the recurrent expenditure will be incurred in 1934-35. I have already addressed you separately on certain of these projects and shall address you on the remainder as soon as they are ready for submission to you; but meanwhile a surplus of revenue over expenditure of approximately £P.100,000 should be reserved to meet the net commitments entailed in the event of approval of the projects during the year.

20. The draft estimates for 1934-35 show a surplus of revenue over expenditure of £P.301,706. I propose that £P.150,000 should be applied to increase the Reserve Fund from £P.1,500,000 (see paragraph 4 *supra*) to £P.1,650,000, and the balance of £P.151,706 left to meet the commitments referred to in the preceding paragraph and any further unforeseen contingencies that may arise during the year.

21. The increase of £P.171,866 in ordinary expenditure under recurrent Heads is classified as follows:—

	£P.
Increases:	
Pensions, Public Debt, and Loan Charges	150
High Commissioner, Secretariat, District Administration, Legal, Judicial, Treasury, Audit, Antiquities, Immigration, and Development	28,966
Customs, Excise and Trade, and Posts and Telegraphs	92,853
Police and Prisons	11,234
Land Settlement, Surveys, and Land Department	7,793
Public Works and Public Work Recurrent	23,017
Health, Education, and Agriculture	75,020
	£P.239,033
Decreases:	
Trans-Jordan Frontier Force and Defence	12,516
Miscellaneous	54,651
	67,167
Net Increase	£P.171,866

The increase of £P.21,284 of special expenditure is classified as follows:—

	Approved Estimates 1933–34.	*Draft Estimates 1934–35.*	*Increase.*	*Decrease.*
	£P.	£P.	£P.	£P.
His Excellency the High Commissioner ..	—	1,800	1,800	—
District Administration	2,792	19,554	16,762	—
Judicial Department	—	970	970	—
Customs, Excise and Trade	280	600	320	—
Department of Health	6,525	11,722	5,197	—
Department of Education	3,550	310	—	3,240
Department of Agriculture and Forests ..	12,517	13,757	1,240	—
Survey Department	1,225	1,335	110	—
Department of Development	2,605	97	—	2,508
Police and Prisons	4,020	7,303	3,283	—
Trans-Jordan Frontier Force	6,045	570	—	5,475
Posts and Telegraphs	1,120	2,555	1,435	—
Other Heads	390	1,780	1,390	—
	41,069	62,353	32,507	11,223
Net Increase	£P.21,284			

Detailed explanations of those items which go to make up these increases and decreases are given in the Remarks Column of the Estimates and in the accompanying Memorandum on Expenditure. In the following paragraphs, therefore, I will confine myself to certain general observations upon changes of major interest.

22. *High Commissioner, Secretariat, &c., Increase of £P.28,966.*

I have written separately recommending the appointment of a Press Officer in the Secretariat.

Under District Administration and in the Secretariat Vote there is provision for two officers in the Grade of Assistant District Commissioner on return from secondment; for an additional Assistant District Commissioner in the North; and for two additional Palestinian cadet officers; besides new appointments of clerks, tax collectors and messengers. I am addressing you separately as to the additional senior staff: but it may be mentioned at once that one Assistant District Commissioner will probably have to be attached to the Secretariat next year, and a second may be required for new departmental duty. The extra junior staff is mainly for Revenue Offices, and will be engaged on a temporary basis.

The vote for Minor Village Works is increased from £P.2,700 to £P.4,500: there is a great demand for this form of assistance from villagers and the funds are being wisely and beneficially expended under the strict control of District Commissioners acting with the advice of officers of the Public Works Department.

Proposals have been submitted by the Chief Justice for the regrading of a number of interpreters and clerks to District and Magistrates' Courts and Execution Officers. These proposals are not reflected in the accompanying Estimates, as I have thought it wiser to defer my recommendations pending the reorganization of the Judiciary and the consequential changes of personnel in accordance with the general scheme approved in your despatch Confidential (6) of the 10th of November, 1933.*

Of the increase under Antiquities, £P.10,000 is accounted for by the inclusion for the first time of provision for the Palestine Archæological Museum, previously financed out of receipts from the Endowment Fund. These receipts, estimated at £P.9,775, are now included in *Revenue Head IV*.

The staff of the Immigration Department must be temporarily enlarged in the First and Second Divisions to cope with the volume of work due to increased immigration and the stricter measures recently adopted for the control of illegal settlement. Most of the supplementary junior staff has had to be taken on this year.

Customs, Excise and Trade. Increase £P.66,630.

Posts and Telegraphs. Increase £P.26,223.

The increase under Customs, Excise and Trade is mainly due to the transfer from *Head XXVI, Miscellaneous*, of the provision for Drawbacks which in 1934–35 is estimated at £P.45,000. The appointments of Port Managers have been proposed in separate despatches. You have already approved the appointment of a Relieving Collector and a fourth Pilot. Thirty-three additional officers of Customs are needed to

* 17325/33 [No. 20]: not printed.

enable the Department to deal effectively with increasing imports and exports and excise factories. These are the reasons also for the increased provision for guards and boatmen, temporary officers and over-time fees.

Against the increased expenditure of the Department of Posts and Telegraphs, mostly on account of Personal Emoluments (£P.16,091) for extended services at Haifa and Tel-Aviv, and Conveyance of Mails (£P.5,000) must be set an increase of £P46,800 in revenue. The additional personnel will be employed on a temporary basis and discharged if revenue seriously declines.

Police and Prisons. Increase £P.11,234.

The expansion of Tel-Aviv necessitates the formation of a Police Division distinct from Jaffa; and additional constabulary. At Haifa, too, urban development calls for strengthening of the Police. The Criminal Investigation Department also needs to be reinforced in present circumstances; and the extended use of wireless in place of land-lines which are less secure during disorders means a larger establishment of mechanics and operators.

Land Settlement. Increase £P.1,070.

Surveys. Increase £P.4,150.

Lands Department. Increase £P.2,573.

At its present rate of progress, Land Settlement has outstripped the operations of the Departments of Surveys and Lands. While I appreciate the need to complete settlement as soon as possible and know the particular value of the partition of Masha'a lands and the fiscal survey for the purposes of a Land Tax, I regard it as inexpedient to press the work forward at a pace that must involve very considerable expenditure on additional staff in the associated departments of Lands and Surveys if they are to keep abreast of it. The disadvantages attaching to any undue lag between the activities of the three Departments require no emphasis. I have, therefore, made provision for only one additional Settlement Party next year and for clerks to serve the parties engaged in advance partition of Masha'a lands in view of the clerical work entailed in administering the Land Settlement (Amendment) Ordinance, 1933.

The allocation of £P.1,500 for the assessment of Urban Property Tax is provisional pending a decision upon the question of exempting unoccupied property.

I have addressed you separately in regard to the retention of the services of the Inspector of Assessments and Land Valuer.

The Director of Lands represents that his inspecting officers are too few for adequate examination of the work of the thirteen Land Registries; and that regular inspection is particularly needed now that a new system of registration has been introduced. In 1926, his Department dealt with 11,000 transactions and in 1933–34 it will have dealt with 25,000; but the staff has not been appreciably increased in the interval, notwithstanding the additional work consequent upon settlement, partition, and expropriation for Government projects. He does not anticipate any falling off in the number of transfers of land next year. I have therefore granted increases of one Land Officer in Grade K, thirteen clerks to strengthen the establishments of Land Registries and £P.600 for extra clerical assistance.

Some expansion of the Department of Surveys is required if it is to keep level with Settlement and to meet the increased requirements of the Land Registries. For the most part the appointments of surveyors will be filled by grading students at present under training in the Department or already employed on actual surveys at a charge against the Labour Vote; and three higher appointments of surveyors (in Grades M and N) are being made to augment the present inadequate supervisory staff over an establishment of 99 surveyors of all grades.

Public Works Department. Increase £P.2,382.

Public Works Recurrent. Increase £P.20,635.

I have addressed you separately as regards the regrading of three Assistant Engineers from Grade K to Grade H.

Public Works Recurrent includes increases of £P.2,000 for Maintenance of Buildings, £P.1,000 for Minor Works and £P.3,920 for Rent, as a consequence, mainly, of unavoidable additions to the number of buildings leased by Government; and an increase of £P.13,000 for Maintenance of Roads and Bridges, necessitated by additional mileage and wear and tear of surfaces by mechanical transport. The provision of £P.500 for the maintenance and repair of Municipal Hospitals is reimbursed by the local authorities.

Department of Health. Increase £P.19,352.

The Ophthalmic Scheme is being expanded to provide for additional village clinics in the Majdal and Hebron districts and two clinics in the Ramleh and Tulkarm sub-districts which will work in association with central clinics already established for some years in Ramleh and Tulkarm towns. The Infectious Diseases Hospital at Jaffa is being enlarged by conversion of the Lazaret to a permanent infectious diseases hospital to accommodate fifty additional patients.

Provision has been made for installing between 5,000 and 6,000 village latrines at a cost of £P.2,937 in all. It is difficult to over-estimate the value of this service in improving the defective rural sanitation to which much endemic disease is due. Save in cases of extreme poverty, the villagers themselves contribute 150 mils towards the cost of each installation.

The Infant Welfare Service will be augmented by two supervisors for existing village centres in the Hebron and Majdal districts and by two nurses for a new centre in Hebron district and for ante-natal work in Hebron town.

An important new service of sub-inspectors is that to be instituted in connexion with a special campaign of sanitation propaganda and prevention of dirt diseases, such as acute ophthalmia, hook-worm and fly-borne infections, and in connexion also with the examination of food-stuffs in villages and the taking of samples for analysis under the Public Health (Regulations as to Food) Ordinance shortly to be promulgated.

The Tuberculosis Sanatorium at Nazareth will provide all sections of the population with facilities which the Jewish hospital at Safad cannot supply for the diagnosis and treatment of early tubercular cases. It will also serve as an out-patient centre for consultation, investigation and advice. Recurrent expenditure of £P.5,378 is involved in 1935-36, the provision in the present Estimates being for six months only; and an extension of the bedstrength from 33 to 50 beds in envisaged in 1935-36 if the financial position permits.

A grant is included of £P.5,250 towards the maintenance of the Tel-Aviv Hospital on the basis explained in my despatch No. 1113 of 23rd December, 1933.* £P.500 is also allowed for equipping and furnishing the proposed extension. This year, the grant was £P.2,500 under *Head XXVIII Miscellaneous, Item 18*. The current grants to Health Services of the Jewish Agency are continued with slight increases proportionate to the growth in the Jewish population.

I have provided for a capital grant of £P.3,000 to the Scottish Hospital, Tiberias, for the construction of additional accommodation, as provisionally endorsed in your despatch No. 735 of the 9th of August, 1933.†

Department of Education. Net Increase £P.24,344.

The Estimates provide for a full year's emoluments of the sixty-seven elementary school teachers appointed on the inception of the scheme for increasing the accommodation in town and village schools.

Although the expansion in 1933 permitted the admission of 1,500 additional pupils to the lowest class of town schools, the number of rejections was undiminished. The Director of Education, therefore, pressed strongly for fifty-two additional posts of elementary teachers in town schools, so that some 1,500 additional pupils might be received in the next school year. In my opinion, however, the need in rural areas is more pressing and I have accordingly granted only thirty-five new posts for towns, which will enable the admission of approximately 1,000 additional pupils to the lowest class. It will be appreciated that Government is thus committed to an increase of 6,000 new places in town schools in four years from September, 1934, if the expansion scheme is to be fulfilled.

I hope that new school buildings will be constructed in 1934-35 from Loan Funds, providing space for approximately 500 more pupils. This would not involve the employment of additional teachers since with provision of improved class-room accommodation the same number of teachers could undertake the instruction of a greater number of pupils. I propose to submit to you shortly a memorandum prepared by the Director of Education dealing in greater detail with the question of expansion of education in towns, and with the financial consequences of the expansion which is proposed.

For rural education, I am providing additionally, 23 classified and 61 unclassified teachers: fifteen of these will replace, temporarily, members of the present staff who are seconded for most necessary agricultural training under the Near East Foundation Scheme at the Tulkarm Agricultural School.

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Provision is made as well for contributions towards the cost of school buildings in villages, representing half the estimated cost (£P.150) of each room. In this manner, while many schools must remain understaffed and villages without schools at all, it will be possible to provide for about 3,000 extra pupils, which was the number of rejections from existing schools last autumn.

I have thought it justifiable to augment the provision for technical instruction in order to admit of further development in this important branch.

I am addressing you separately with regard to the grant-in-aid to the Hebrew School System.

Department of Agriculture and Forests. Increase £P.31,324.

Provision has been made to extend the scheme for improving natural pastures by the establishment of demonstration plots throughout the country for growing oats and vetch, maize, berseem and lucerne; also for the construction of silo pits to conserve forage for feeding during the period when natural pasture is not available. Seed and manure for the plots will be given by the Department and the land and labour by the farmer, who will be allowed to retain the produce for his own use.

The £P.10,000 provided for advertising Palestinian citrus fruit is recoverable from the trade (see *Revenue Head IV, Item 3*). The additional expenditure for fruit inspection, due to progressive increase in exports of oranges, is similarly reimbursed. Additional staff is required to survey and report on the spread or diminution of Black Scale so that details may be available of the areas and numbers of trees to be fumigated each season: meanwhile, £P.10,000 has been provided for fumigation, which should suffice, seeing that growers resort more generally now to the services of private contractors.

The expenditure on the Kadoorie Agricultural Schools has hitherto been defrayed from the Trust Funds through a Deposit Account, and Grants-in-Aid have appeared under the Expenditure Head: Agriculture and Forests. Both schools will be fully established by April next and it appears desirable now to include their revenue and expenditure in the Estimates. I am addressing you separately concerning the extension of the Tulkarm School to accommodate 26 additional students.

Extension of existing services entails the following increases in agricultural staff:—

(*a*) an Agricultural Inspector mainly to afford advice and instruction to Jewish settlements in Galilee;

(*b*) four Agricultural Inspectors to make up the necessary complement of these officers, namely, one to each sub-district;

(*c*) guards to assist Agricultural Inspectors in the supervision of demonstration plots;

(*d*) two Assistant Superintendents for the experimental stations at Acre and Farradiya.

The scheme of agricultural demonstrations and experiments is being expanded at a cost of £P.645 by the establishment of fifty vegetable and potato plots, and of twelve plots in villages in co-operation with the Director of Education, and by further purchases of improved seed for gratis distribution.

The stations at Majdal, Farradiya and Jericho must be enlarged to serve essential purposes; and I contemplate the establishment of a new station for Beisan.

I am satisfied of the necessity for allotting additional funds to the Sericultural Service for the production of a larger number of mulberry trees and for the minimum personnel and equipment required to develop the silk industry. The trees have a secondary value as timber and the leaf can be fed to cattle at certain seasons.

The vote for fisheries should be regarded as provisional pending my consideration of the proposals in your confidential despatch of the 12th December, 1933.*

Provision of £P.450 in all has been inserted for grafting wild carob trees in Forest Reserves, for establishing a carob plantation at Farradiya, and for raising some forty to fifty thousand carob seedlings at Forest Nurseries. I am anxious to encourage the cultivation of carobs and to educate the fellah to a knowledge of the proper methods and times of harvesting the crop, in view of its fodder value and industrial uses. As the produce of ungrafted trees is almost valueless, it is desirable that, before any extensive production of nursery stock is attempted, such of the existing wild trees as are suitable should be budded.

* 17347/33 [No. 12]: not printed.

It is necessary to augment the staff at the Stock Farm, Acre, which continues to expand and for which additional pedigree animals, including Kerry cattle and a small number of Karakul sheep, are to be acquired next year; and to appoint additional officers for the poultry and bee-keeping stations, which serve an increasing demand for stock and instruction on the part of farmers interested in these remunerative branches.

Complementary to the work of the Stock Farm, the up-grading of village cattle will be pursued, with additional funds.

The current grants to the Jewish Agency for agricultural research and experiment, amounting to £P.3,600, are continued, and in addition I am providing £P.1,850 to the Agency for field experiments (£P.500), horticulture (£P.500), animal nutrition and dairying (£P.500) and mycology (£P.350).

For the Hebrew University I have provided grants for field mice investigation (£P.200) and research into fowl pox vaccine (£P.150).

I have thought it well to provide £P.1,000 for the purchase of land for new experimental stations or demonstration plots during the coming year, as I am convinced that it will be necessary to extend the areas under Government management in some cases if the best use is to be made of them.

Turning to forestry, I am causing a scheme to be prepared showing how many trees of different kinds can advantageously be planted in different areas, every endeavour being made to afforest Government land in the first instance, and to safeguard against interference with established grazing rights. It will in any case be difficult to make rapid or continuous progress in afforestation until the various difficulties of title, particularly in the hill regions, are smoothed out in the course of Land Settlement; and it will be some time before Settlement reaches the hills. Meanwhile, I propose to award scholarships to two suitable young Palestinians to be trained in forestry at an English University.

Trans-Jordan Frontier Force. Decrease £P.2,816.

Defence, Decrease £P.9,700.

I have addressed you separately on the subject of these Estimates.

Miscellaneous. Decrease £P.54,651.

The transfer of the provision for Drawbacks to Head X accounts for most of this decrease. The provision for grants to Municipalities is considerably reduced for the reasons explained in my despatch No. 1083 of the 16th December, 1933,* regarding municipal contributions towards the cost of Police. In certain cases, where municipal councils do not receive grants-in-aid, these contributions are waived.

Generally, however, there are grounds for increasing grants to Municipalities to enable them to afford essential public services particularly in the principal towns and, indeed, the amount of the grant is largely determined by the inability of Municipalities to raise sufficient revenue from local taxation to meet the cost of these services. There is also considerable criticism that grants have not hitherto been increased in proportion to what would probably have been the increase of revenue over the same period from the Octroi and Kantar Taxes which were abolished by Government in 1921.

Public Works Extraordinary. Increase £P.80,120.

Of £P.245,873 provided under this Head, £P.196,585 is in respect of new works, roads and services and £P.49,288 is in respect of revotes or additional provision required for the continuation of approved works, roads and services.

The provision may be summarized as under:—

	Approved Estimates 1933–34.	*Draft Estimates 1934–35.*	*Increase.*	*Decrease.*
Buildings:	£P.	£P.	£P.	£P.
Agriculture and Forests	7,215	17,056	9,841	—
Education	5,232	8,855	3,623	—
Health	13,472	13,743	271	—
Police and Prisons	35,404	82,147	46,743	—
Other Departments	32,386	14,588	—	17,798
Roads and Bridges	46,700	93,444	46,744	—
Miscellaneous:				
Agriculture and Forests	4,163	2,375	—	1,788
Health	3,720	2,880	—	840
Police and Prisons	1,700	—	—	1,700
Other Departments and Works	15,761	11,780	—	3,981
	£P.165,753	246,868	107,222	26,107

Net Increase £P.81,115

* 17215/33 [No. 33]: not printed.

The decrease of £P.17,798 under "Buildings—Other Departments" is explained by the inclusion of £P.24,000 in the approved Estimates for 1933–34 for the construction of the Post Office, Jerusalem, for which provision has now been transferred to the new Loan Schedule.

It will be necessary to provide in 1935–36 for completing the following Works:—

	£P.
Quarantine Station, Haifa	1,168
Residence for Chief Secretary	4,500
Married quarters for Palestinian Police (to complete scheme for which provision was originally made in the new Loan Schedule)	30,000
	£P.35,668

Posts and Telegraphs Extraordinary.

Increase £P.48,204.

£P.32,000 is included for setting up a Broadcasting Station at Jerusalem, as recommended in my despatch No. 1108 of the 23rd December, 1933.*

The expansion of the telephone service has necessitated the undermentioned increases:—

	1933–34.	*1934–35.*	*Increase.*
	£P.	£P.	£P.
Additional Exchange Switchboards	1,800	4,237	2,437
Additional Trunk Lines	1,700	3,862	2,162
Additional Cables	3,200	4,000	800
	£P.6,700	12,099	5,399

Certain sections of the wooden pole routes are in urgent need of replacement and £P.5,000 has therefore been provided for the purpose, as well as £P.5,150 for replacing congested aerial routes by underground cables in the urban areas of Haifa and Jaffa–Tel-Aviv.

Trans-Jordan Frontier Force Extraordinary.

Increase £P.14,216.

I have addressed you separately on the subject of these estimates.

23. The following summary explains the reduction of the deficit on the Railway estimates by £P.26,359 compared with the current year:—

	Approved Estimates 1933–34.	*Draft Estimates 1934–35.*
	£P.	£P.
Deficit on Palestine Railways (including expenditure on capital improvements of £P.5,500 in 1933–34 and £P.26,690 in 1934–35)	117,715	91,835
Deficit on Hejaz Railway	—	4,116
	117,715	95,951
Profit on Kantara-Rafa Railway	—	3,415
Profit on Petah-Tiqva Railway	—	1,180
	117,715	91,356
	91,356	
Decrease in 1934–35	£P.26,359	

In 1934–35, the Hejaz Railway deficit is charged to Railway expenditure and the profit on the Kantara-Rafa Railway is credited to Railway revenue, in return for payment of rental to His Majesty's Government; so, too, the profit on the Petah-Tiqva Railway is to be brought to account.

I am addressing you separately on the subject of the increased provision for capital expenditure for Defence; the increase in the capital expenditure under Railways is explained in the General Manager's note.

24. Once again I wish to acknowledge the assistance which I have received from the Treasurer and his staff at every stage in the compilation of these Estimates. That assistance has been of the very greatest value. I would also wish to bring to your notice the excellent work done by Mr. Nurock, who has been closely associated with the preparation of the Estimates of Expenditure and the accompanying memoranda.

I have, &c.,

A. G. WAUCHOPE,

High Commissioner for Palestine.

* 37534/34 [No. 1]: not printed.

37205/34 [No. 7]. No. 2.

PALESTINE ESTIMATES 1934-35.

COLONIAL OFFICE MEMORANDUM.

REVENUE.

Head II.—Port and Marine. Net increase £24,700.

Item 6.—Wharfage Dues.—The proposal to reduce wharfage dues at Haifa by 50 per cent. from the 1st of January, 1934, in cases where lighters were used for the handling of goods was approved in Treasury letter No. S.31061/4 of the 9th of January, 1934.*

Head III.—Licences, Taxes, &c. Net decrease £43,200.

Item 17.—Tithes.—A decrease of £75,000. Authority was given in Treasury letters No. S.35563/2 of the 31st of July† and No. S.35563/2 of the 12th of October‡ for extensive remissions of winter and summer tithe, the effect of which was to reduce the estimated receipts from tithe in 1933-34 by £71,000. Attention is invited to page 4 of the Treasurer's memorandum.

Head V.—Fees of Court or Office: Receipts for Specific Services and Reimbursements. Net increase £89,000.

Item 3.—Citrus Fruit Advertisement.—Increase of £10,000. The expenditure of £10,000 on a campaign to advertise Palestine citrus fruits was approved in Treasury letter No. S.29424/2 of the 11th of September.§ This expenditure will be recovered by means of a levy of 1·5 *mils* on every case of fruit exported, provision for which appears under this item.

Item 11.—Plant Fumigation.—Decrease of £65,000. Reference is invited to the correspondence ending with Colonial Office letter of the 19th of July.‖

Item 31.—Reimbursements from Municipalities on account of Municipal Police.—Decrease £24,895. Reference is invited to the note on Head XXII of Expenditure in the Colonial Office memorandum¶ on the draft Estimates for 1933-34. The Secretary of State is in correspondence with the High Commissioner regarding the details of the proposal to abolish the system of contributions by municipalities on account of municipal police, and to reduce proportionately the grants-in-aid to municipalities (see under Head XXVI, Item 15). He approves in principle of the new arrangement.

Head VIII.—Miscellaneous. Increase £50,000.

Item 1.—Profits from Currency.—The increase of £50,000 is considered reasonable, see page 5 of the Treasurer's memorandum.

EXPENDITURE.

Head III.—The High Commissioner.

Item 5.—Private Secretary.—Increase £400. Sanction was given for the appointment of a Private Secretary in succession to Mr. Eastwood, at a salary of £400 a year, in Treasury letter No. E.9987 of the 4th of August, 1933.**

Item 18.—Purchase of a new Car.

Item 19.—Tentage.—Increase of £1,800. These items of expenditure are recommended for approval. Reference is invited to Colonial Office letter of the 19th of January.††

Head IV.—Secretariat.

Item 9.—Assistant Secretaries.—Increase of £1,236. Attention is invited to correspondence ending with Treasury letter No. E.14948 of the 31st January, 1933,‡‡ on this subject.

Item 12.—Personal Allowance, £50.—Sanction was given for the payment of a personal allowance of £50 a year to Ruhi Bey Abdul Hadi in Treasury letter No. E.29070 of the 9th of June, 1933.§§

Item 25.—Duty Allowance to Sanitary Controller.—Increase of £24. Sanction was given for this expenditure in Treasury letter S.35956/02/33 of the 28th July.‖‖

* 17384/33 [No. 46]: not printed.
† 17470/33 [No. 6]: not printed.
‡ 17470/33 [No. 12]: not printed.
§ 17259/33 [No. 55]: not printed.
‖ 17662/33 [No. 2]: not printed.
¶ No. 4 in Middle East, No. 48.
** 50379/33 [No. 6]: not printed.
†† 37337/34 [No. 2]: not printed.
‡‡ 17568/33 [No. 3]: not printed.
§§ 36382/33 [No. 7]: not printed.
‖‖ 17304/33 [No. 104]: not printed.

Items 26 and 27.—Assistant to Welfare Inspector and Clerk to Welfare Inspector.—Increases of £100 and £96. These appointments were approved in Treasury letter No. S.35956/02/33 of the 27th May, 1933.*

Item 29.—Press Officer.

Item 30.—Expatriation allowance.—Increase of £700 and £100. Sanction for this appointment was given in Treasury letter E.14948 of 6th of February, 1934.†

Head V.—District Administration.

Item 3.—Assistant District Commissioners.—Increase of £1,593. Sanction for the appointment of an additional Assistant District Commissioner for the Northern District was given in Treasury letter E.14948 of the 6th of February, 1934.†

Item 6.—District Officers.—Increase of £1,800. Provision for the appointment of two Palestinian Cadet Officers was approved in the Estimates for 1933-34. Sanction for the appointment of two more Cadets was given in Treasury letter No. E.16593 of the 16th of March, 1933.‡ It is now proposed to increase the number of Cadets to six. A copy of the High Commissioner's confidential despatch of the 23rd of January,§ explaining the necessity for these further appointments, is enclosed. The Secretary of State supports the High Commissioner's proposal.

Item 31.—Remuneration of Mukhtars.—Increase of £900. Reference is invited to the correspondence ending with Treasury letter No. S.35563/2 of the 2nd of January, 1934.‖

Item 44.—Minor Village Works.—Increase of £1,800. Reference is invited to page 8 of the memorandum on expenditure, and to paragraph 3 of the Acting High Commissioner's confidential despatch of the 7th of January, 1933,¶ covering the draft Estimates for 1933-34.

Item 34.—Application of Rural Property Tax Ordinance.—Increase of £15,000. Reference is invited to page 8 of the memorandum on expenditure. The proposals contained in the High Commissioner's confidential despatch "A" of the 13th of August, 1932,** a copy of which was enclosed in Colonial Office letter of the 13th of September, 1932,†† are still under consideration. No expenditure on preliminary measures will be authorized until final proposals for the new tax have been examined and approved.

Head VI.—Legal Department.

Items 11 and 12.—Assistant Legal Draftsman and Junior Government Advocate.—Increase of £180 and £180. The necessity for these two posts is explained in the High Commissioner's confidential despatch "B" of the 6th of January, 1934,‡‡ of which a copy is enclosed. The Secretary of State proposes to approve these appointments, though he may consider it advisable to suggest that the designations should be altered to "Clerk to Legal Draftsman" and "Clerk to Junior Government Advocate".

Head VII.—Judicial Department.

Items 39 and 40.—Municipal Bench, Tel-Aviv.—Net increase £132. Reference is invited to Treasury letter No. S.8299 of the 15th of August, 1933.§§

Head VIII.—Treasury.

Item 10.—Assistant Treasurer.—Increase of £575. Attention is invited to the correspondence ending with Treasury letter E.7771/2 of 13th of June, 1933.‖‖

Items 12 to 16.—Junior Assistant Treasurers, &c.—Net decrease of £706. The re-organization of the Treasury was approved in Treasury letter No. E.16903 of the 14th of July, 1933.¶¶

Head IX.—Audit Department.

Item 9.—Officers of the General Clerical Service.—Increase of £935. Attention is invited to the correspondence enclosed in Colonial Office letters of the 30th of October*** and the 2nd of November.††† The Secretary of State would propose to approve the High Commissioner's proposals for strengthening the Audit Department.

Head X.—Customs, Excise and Trade.

Items 8 and 9.—Increase of £900. Sanction for the appointment of a Relieving Collector was given in Treasury letter No. E.15124 of the 19th of August, 1933.‡‡‡

* 17304/33 [No. 64]: not printed.
† 37213/34 [No. 3]: not printed.
‡ 17365/33 [No. 12]: not printed.
§ 37363/34 [No. 1]: not printed.
‖ 17470/33 [No. 19]: not printed.
¶ No. 1 in Middle East, No. 48.
** C. 97060/32 [No. 6]: not printed.
†† C. 97060/32 [No. 7]: not printed.
‡‡ 37255/34 [No. 1]: not printed.
§§ 17422/33 [No. 9]: not printed.
‖‖ 17288/33 [No. 6]: not printed.
¶¶ 17461/33 [No. 4]: not printed.
*** 17663/33 [No. 3]: not printed.
††† 17663/33 [No. 4]: not printed.
‡‡‡ 17571/33 [No. 3]: not printed.

Item 12.—Port Manager, Haifa.—Increase of £1,000. A separate letter will be addressed to the Treasury on this subject.

Item 13 and 13a.—Port Manager, Jaffa, and Expatriation Allowance.—Increase of £494. Sanction was given for the appointment of Mr. Pope, formerly Port Officer, in Treasury letter, No. E.15124 of the 23rd January, 1934.*

Items 14 and 15.—Port Officers and Pilots.—Increase of £300. Sanction was given for the appointment of an additional Port Officer and Assistant Collector in Treasury letter No. E.15124 of the 19th of August.

Items 27, 29, and 31.—Net increase of £3,400. Sanction was given for the purchase and the maintenance of two tugs in the current year in Treasury letter No. S.31061/2 of the 8th February, 1933.†

Item 30.—Crane-men.—Increase of £480. Reference is invited to the correspondence ending with Treasury letter No. S.35956/02/33 of 23rd September, 1933.‡

Item 33.—Temporary Officers.—Increase of £2,400. Reference is invited to the correspondence ending with Treasury letter No. E.15124 of the 19th August.

Item 36.—Official Receiver in Bankruptcy.—Increase of £348. Attention is invited to the correspondence ending with Colonial Office letter of the 5th January, 1934.§

Item 48.—Insurance.—Increase of £300. Sanction for this expenditure was requested in Colonial Office letter of the 5th February, 1934.

Item 60.—Drawback on Customs Duty.—Increase of £45,000. See pages 11 and 38 of the Memorandum on Expenditure. On page 11 " Item 60 " should be read for " Item 59 ".

Head XI.—Department of Health.

Items 47 and 49.—Sanitary Engineers.—Net increase of £450. The appointment of an additional Sanitary Engineer was approved in Treasury letter No. E.15614 of the 31st May, 1933.‖

Item 102.—Contribution to Jewish Health Services.—Increase of £5,495.

(*a*) *Tel-Aviv Hospital.*—Approval of an increased annual grant to this Hospital has been requested in Colonial Office letter of the 22nd January, 1934,¶ and under Head 28 provision has been made for a contribution of £1,300 towards the cost of providing additional accommodation.

(*b*) A maintenance grant of £1,700 to the *Tuberculosis Hospital of the Hadasseh Medical Organization at Safad* was approved in the estimates for the current year.

(*c*) and (*d*) *School Hygiene* (£1,620) and *Infant Welfare* (£625).—Grants of £1,500 and £500 respectively were approved in the estimates for the current year.

Item 139.—Grant to Scottish Hospital, Tiberias, £3,000.—This item is recommended for approval on the grounds explained on page 12 of the Memorandum on Expenditure and in the High Commissioner's despatch No. 638 of the 8th July, 1933,** of which a copy is enclosed.

Head XII.—Department of Education.

Item 10.—Senior Inspector Arab Schools.—Increase of £582. Attention is invited to the correspondence ending with Colonial Office letter of the 5th December, 1932.††

Item 53.—Grant-in-Aid to Schools of the Jewish Agency.—Increase of £2,746 (incorrectly entered as a decrease). The grant has been calculated in accordance with the new formula explained in Colonial Office letter of the 30th January, 1933.‡‡ The separate despatch noted in the " Remarks " column has not yet been received.

Item 64.—Scholarships Abroad.—Increase of £850. The Secretary of State recently approved provisionally of the introduction, as from the 1st April, 1934, of a revised scheme for the grant of scholarships under which " non-vocational " scholarships would remain under the control of the Education Department, but vocational scholarships (for the technical training abroad of Palestinians destined for appointments in Government Service) would be administered by a Central Committee under the Chairmanship of the Chief Secretary, on which heads of Technical Government Departments would be represented. Provision for non-vocational scholarships (whether in Palestine or abroad)

* 37271/34 [No. 3] : not printed.
† 17384/33 [No. 9] : not printed.
‡ 17384/33 [No. 128] : not printed.
§ 17354/33 [No. 10] : not printed.
‖ 17341/33 [No. 8] : not printed.
¶ 37417/34 [No. 4] : not printed.
** 17555/33 [No. 1] : not printed.
†† C. 97288/32 [No. 14] : not printed.
‡‡ C. 97289/32 [No. 10] : not printed.

would continue to be made under Head 12, Education, while provision for vocational scholarships would be made under Head 26, Miscellaneous. It would seem that, as in previous years, provision for all scholarships has been included under Head 12, Education. Enquiry will be made as to the reason why no provision is included for the new scheme in the approved estimates.

Head XIII.—Department of Agriculture and Fisheries.

Item 9.—Office Superintendent.—Increase of £446. A copy of the High Commissioner's despatch of the 19th January* regarding this appointment is enclosed.

Item 20.—Agricultural Officer.—Increase of £596. Reference is invited to Treasury letter E.7771/2 of the 13th June, 1933.†

Item 31.—Mechanics at £8 per month.—Increase of £96.

Item 36.—Horticultural Assistants.—Increase of £201.

Items 37, 38, and 39.—Station Superintendents, Nurserymen and Gardeners.—Increase of £1,332.

Item 24.—Forage.—Increase of £60.

Reference is invited to the correspondence ending with Treasury letter S.35563/2 of the 7th September, 1933.‡

Item 45.—Assistant Entomologist.—It will be suggested that this appointment should be designated as " Assistant to Entomologist " or " Entomological Assistant ". The title was formerly " Fumigation Officer " and the grade is similar to that of Horticultural Assistant, Forest Surveyors, Forest Rangers, etc. It seems unlikely that the holder of the appointment will have had the scientific training required of an officer graded as Entomologist.

Items 54, 54a, 126, and 195.—Fisheries Surveys.—Increase of £668. The High Commissioner recently proposed§ that an expert should be appointed to survey the prospects of the fishing industry in Palestine. The Secretary of State is not yet satisfied as to the necessity for such a survey, and he is in correspondence with the High Commissioner on the subject. Item 195 must, therefore, be regarded as provisional. The small increases of expenditure under Items 54, 54a, and 126 are recommended for approval.

Item 55.—Senior Forest Officer.—Increase of £25. The High Commissioner has recommended‖ that Mr. Grasovsky, Senior Forest Officer, shall be granted two increments in 1934 in consideration of his excellent work. Since his appointment in 1928 the High Commissioner states that to Mr. Grasovsky are due, in large measure, the improvements carried out in the last few years in the Government Forest Nurseries, and in the organization of Forest demarcation, and that during the long period in which the Chief Forest Officer has been acting as Director of Agriculture and Forests Mr. Grasovsky has shouldered an unusual burden of responsibility which he has satisfactorily discharged.

Item 72.—Assistant Veterinary Officers.—It will be suggested that these appointments should be designated as " Veterinary Assistants ".

Item 89.—Duty Allowable to Manager of Stock Farm.—Increase of £100. Reference is invited to Colonial Office letter of the 29th January, 1934.¶

Item 113.—Contribution to the Imperial Bureau of Mycology.—This should read " Contribution to Imperial Mycological Institute."

Item 128.—Citrus Advertising Fund.—Increase of £10,000. See above under Revenue, Head IV, Item 3.

Items 136, 185, 186, and 187.—These items were explained in Colonial Office letter of the 2nd February, 1933.**

Item 148.—Grant-in-Aid to Kadoorie Agricultural Schools.—Decrease of £5,500. See under Revenue, Head IV, Items 23 and 24.

Item 215.—Training of two Palestinian Officers.—Increase of £600. The despatch mentioned in the " Remarks " column of the Estimates has not yet been received.

Item 221a.—Subsidy to Barclays Bank.—Increase of £500. Reference is invited to Treasury letter S.35297/03 of the 4th July, 1933.††

* 37279/34 [No. 1] : not printed.
† 17288/33 [No. 6] : not printed.
‡ 17493/33 [No. 21] : not printed.
§ *See* 17347/33 [No. 12] : not printed.
‖ *See* P.F. 28144 [No. 6] : not printed.
¶ P.F. 28133 [No. 19] : not printed.
** 17226/33 [No. 2] : not printed.
†† 17448/1/33 [No. 3] : not printed.

Head XVIII.—Department of Development.

Items 1 and 2.—Director and Development Officer.—Net increase of £425. Sanction for the regrading of the post of Development Officer and the abolition of the post of Director of Development was given in Treasury letter E.26150 of 27th June.*

Item 28.—Messenger.—Increase of £36. Sanction for the employment of a messenger was given in Treasury letter 38956/02/33 of the 5th August, 1933.†

Item 30.—Transport and Travelling.—Increase of £200. Attention is invited to the correspondence ending with Treasury letter E.28948 of the 11th May, 1933.‡

Head XIX.—Police and Prisons.

Item 37.—Purchase of Dogs.—Increase of £100. Sanction for the use of police dogs was given in Treasury letter S.38273 of the 3rd August, 1933§.

Item 35.—Cost-of-Living Allowances.—Net increase of £67. Approval was given for an increase in the cost-of-living allowance of the Inspector-General in Treasury letter E.11301 of the 30th November, 1933.‖

Head XXII.—Defence.

Item 1.—Contributions to Imperial Government.—As a result of recent correspondence with the Air Ministry and War Office the excess cost of the British Forces in Palestine (including the cost of construction of Army married quarters) for which the Government of Palestine is liable, is now estimated at £138,500. Provision of £30,000 must also be included for the purchase of land for the married quarters which are to be constructed for the battalion at Haifa. See Colonial Office semi-official letter of 13th January, 1934.¶ The following items should accordingly be substituted for Item 1:—

> *Item 1.*—Contribution to Imperial Government towards the excess cost of the British Forces in Palestine and Trans-Jordan over the cost of such Forces at their normal stations, payable to the War Office and Air Ministry and of part construction of Army married quarters—£138,500.
>
> *Item 2.*—Purchase of land for Army married quarters—£30,000.

Item 2 in the Draft Estimates should now read as Item 3. Reference is invited to the correspondence ending with Treasury letter 28976/01 of 19th January, 1934.**

Head XXIII.—Department of Post and Telegraphs.

Item 81a.—Technical Personnel for erecting Broadcasting Station.—Increase of £450. The proposal for the establishment of a Broadcasting Station in Palestine is under consideration†† and no expenditure will be incurred without further reference to the Treasury.

Head XXIV.—Public Works Department.

Items 14, 18, and 46.—Assistant Engineers.—A separate letter‡‡ will be sent to the Treasury regarding the proposal to re-grade three of the Assistant Engineers now on Grade K (£300–550) to Grade H (£550–750).

Head XXVI.—Miscellaneous.

Item 15.—Grants to Municipalities.—Decrease of £15,000. Attention is invited to the note under Revenue, Head IV, Item 31.

Item 28.—Drawback on Customs Duties.—Decrease of £42,500. See Head X, Customs, Item 60.

Head XXVII.—Post and Telegraphs Extraordinary.

Item 11.—Broadcasting Station Jerusalem.—Increase of £32,000. See Head XXIII, Post and Telegraphs, Item 81a.

Head XXVIII.—Public Works Extraordinary.

Item 1.—Improvements to grounds and purchase of additional land, Government House, Jerusalem.—Reference is invited to Treasury letters S.36690/01 of the 30th August,§§ and S.26690/01 of the 28th November, 1933.‖‖

Item 29.—Construction of Mental Hospital, Bethlehem.—Attention is invited to the correspondence ending with Colonial Office letter of the 10th June, 1933.¶¶

* 17249/2/33 [No. 18]: not printed.
† 17264/33 [No. 19]: not printed.
‡ 17264/33 [No. 6]: not printed.
§ 17541/33 [No. 3]: not printed.
‖ P.F. 16890 [No. 119]: not printed.
¶ 37359/34 [No. 2]: not printed.
** 37355/34 [No. 1]: not printed.
†† *See* 37354/34 [No. 1]: not printed.
‡‡ 37296/34 [No. 1]: not printed.
§§ 17287/33 [No. 7]: not printed.
‖‖ 17287/33 [No. 11]: not printed.
¶¶ 17502/33 [No. 2]: not printed.

Item 41.—See Head XI, Department of Health, Item 102.

Item 51.—Construction of Police Training School, Jerusalem.—Attention is invited to Treasury letter S.35297/03 of the 18th October.*

Item 52.—Cost of site required for Police Training School.—Attention is invited to Colonial Office letter of 10th June, 1933.†

Item 56.—Construction of Married Quarters for Palestine Police.—Attention is invited to the last paragraph of Treasury letter S.31061/4 of the 24th August, 1933.‡

Head XXX.—Railways.

Item 1.—Excess of Expenditure over Revenue.—Decrease of £26,359. Reference is invited to the correspondence regarding the accounts of the Palestine Railways, ending with Treasury letter S.32540 of the 9th August, 1933.§

Railway Estimates.

Abstract B.—Items 27 and 28.—Labour and Materials on maintenance of Locomotives and Rail Cars.—Increase of £3,575 and £1,485. Attention is invited to the correspondence ending with Treasury letter S.35956/08/33 of the 2nd January, 1934.‖

Abstract D.—Item 63.—Rent of Kantara Rafa Railway.—Increase of £4,000. Attention is invited to Treasury letter S.33672/3 of the 30th March, 1933.¶

Abstract F.—Item 2.—Purchase of three 30-ton Oil Tanks.—£2,700. Sanction for the inclusion of this expenditure was given in Treasury letter S.35956/09/34 of the 31st January, 1934.**

February, 1934.

37205/34 [No. 8]. No. 3.

COLONIAL OFFICE to TREASURY.

[*Answered by No. 6.*]

SIR, Downing Street, 17th February, 1934.

I am directed to transmit to you, to be laid before the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury, a copy of a despatch from the High Commissioner for Palestine,†† together with a copy of the draft Estimates of the territory for the year 1934–35,‡‡ and of the printed enclosures§§ to the despatch. I am also to enclose a memorandum‖‖ which has been prepared in this Department containing brief comments on certain items of revenue and expenditure, with references to previous correspondence with the Treasury.

2. The development of the financial situation in Palestine during the current year has more than fulfilled anticipations, and the present position may be summarized as follows.

	£	£
Estimated surplus balance at 31st March, 1933		883,872
Actual surplus at 31st March, 1933		1,203,296
Original estimate of revenue 1933–34		2,859,745
Revised estimate of revenue 1933–34		3,714,870
Original estimate of expenditure 1933–34		2,848,418
Revised estimate of expenditure 1933–34		2,740,500
Estimated surplus at 31st March, 1934		2,204,666
Add estimated revenue 1934–35:—		
(1) Ordinary	3,354,655	
(2) Grant-in-Aid (Trans-Jordan Frontier Force)	149,000	
		3,503,655
		5,708,321
Less estimated expenditure 1934–35:—		
(1) Ordinary	2,763,638	
(2) Extraordinary	346,955	
(3) Railways	91,356	
		3,201,949
Estimated surplus at 31st March, 1935		2,506,372

* 17501/33 [No. 6]: not printed.
† 17501/33 [No. 2]: not printed.
‡ 17258/3/33 [No. 84]: not printed.
§ 18186/33 [No. 17]: not printed.
‖ 17304/33 [No. 187]: not printed.
¶ 17369/33 [No. 17]: not printed.
** 37205/1/34 [No. 4]: not printed.
†† No. 1. ‡‡ Not reprinted. §§ Not reprinted. ‖‖ No. 2.

Revenue.

3. The revenue estimate is discussed in the printed enclosure II. In 1933-34 the excess of the revised over the original estimate of revenue is mainly due to the phenomenal rise in receipts from import duties, due to increased immigration, resulting in building and other trade activity. Fees and receipts in the current year also show a large increase, mainly due to land registration fees, which are expected to exceed the estimate by £120,000. Receipts from posts and telegraphs are expected to exceed the estimate by £40,000.

4. In considering the estimate of revenue for 1934-35, the Treasurer has taken account of a possible decrease in imports as a result of reduced immigration, with a diminution of the inflow of Jewish capital, and to larger home cultivation of wheat, flour and rice (on the supposition that the recent long spell of bad seasons cannot be expected to continue). Allowance has also been made for a further decrease in receipts from tithe, since, even if harvests in 1934-35 are good, liberal remissions will still be necessary owing to the crop failures of past years; and for a drop of £80,000 in receipts from land registration fees, as compared with the revised estimate for 1933-34. The Secretary of State regards the total estimate of revenue in 1934-35, viz., £3,503,655, representing a decrease of £211,215 as compared with the revised estimate for the current year, as sufficiently conservative.

5. In paragraph 10 of enclosure II, the Treasurer refers to his endeavours to distinguish the temporary from the permanent factors responsible for the recent increase of revenue, and expresses the view that of the estimated revenue of £3½ million, £½ million should be regarded as unstable and the remainder as a normal figure, based on the increase in the taxable capacity of the country resulting from the increase of population. In accordance with this assumption, care has been taken to keep the estimate of recurrent expenditure in 1934-35 well within the limit of £3 million. It must be admitted that opinions on this subject cannot be more than speculative, but the Secretary of State sees no reason to question the general soundness of the Treasurer's conclusion.

Expenditure.

6. Details of expenditure are fully explained in the High Commissioner's despatch and its enclosures and in the Colonial Office memorandum. The total estimate of expenditure, £3,201,949, exceeds the original estimate for 1933-34 by £353,531, and of this increase £142,540 is due to extraordinary works. The estimated surplus on the year's working is £301,706, as compared with the surplus of £11,000 envisaged on the estimates for 1933-34, which showed an increase of expenditure of £359,000 (of which £122,000 was due to changes in the form of the estimates). The largest net increases of expenditure occur under the following Heads:—

		£
Head XXVIII.	Public Works Extraordinary	80,000
,, X.	Customs, Excise and Trade	65,000
,, XXVIII.	Posts and Telegraphs Extraordinary	48,000
,, XIII.	Agriculture and Forests	33,000
,, XXIII.	Posts and Telegraphs	28,000
,, V.	District Administration	25,000
,, XI.	Health	24,000
,, XXV.	Public Works Recurrent	23,000
,, XII.	Education	21,000
,, XXII.	Defence	21,000
,, XIX.	Police and Prisons	15,000
,, XX.	Immigration	5,000

The following Heads show decreases:—

Head XXVI.	Miscellaneous	54,000
,, XVIII.	Department of Development	23,000
,, XXI.	Trans-Jordan Frontier Force	8,000

The large increase under Head X, Customs, and decrease under Head XXVI, Miscellaneous, are largely accounted for by the transfer of the item "Customs Drawbacks", £45,000, from the latter to the former Head.

7. The increases under Head X, Customs, and Head XXIII, Posts and Telegraphs, are fully covered by the additional revenue which is expected to accrue under these Heads.

The increases under Head XIX, Police and Prisons, and under Head XX, Department of Immigration, are justified in the Secretary of State's opinion, in the former case, by the rapid growth of the townships of Haifa and Tel-Aviv (where most of the additional

expenditure will be incurred), and, in the latter case, by the urgent need for strengthening the staff responsible for the examination of immigrants and travellers and the checking of illegal immigration.

8. Attention is invited to the increases under Head XI, Health; Head XII, Education; and Head XIII, Agriculture and Forests.

(*a*) *Health.*—Provision is made for a considerable extension of the ophthalmic clinics, which were started in the current financial year, for the construction of latrines in villages, expansion of infant welfare work and sanitation, the improvement of quarantine arrangements at Haifa and Jaffa, and the establishment of a small tuberculosis sanatorium at Nazareth. The annual grants to the health services of the Jewish Agency (child welfare, school hygiene, and Safad tuberculosis hospital) have been increased from a total of £3,750 to £3,945. In accordance with proposals recently submitted to the Treasury, provision is made for an increase of the contribution to the Jewish hospital at Tel-Aviv from £2,500 to £5,250. £3,000 has been provided as a capital grant to the Scottish hospital at Tiberias.

(*b*) *Education.*—Further provision is made for the expansion of urban and rural school accommodation. Thirty-five new teachers are provided for town schools (allowing for the education of about 1,000 additional pupils) and twenty-three classified and sixty-one unclassified teachers for rural education (providing for about 3,000 extra pupils). Provision for grants to rural village authorities for school buildings has been increased from £1,000 to £4,850.

It is understood that the increase of the grant-in-aid to the Jewish school system by £2,746 has been calculated in accordance with the formula which was approved in connexion with the estimates for the current year. The separate despatches which are promised on the subject of the grant to the Jewish school system, and on the financial aspects of the expansion of educational services in the towns will be forwarded to the Treasury when they are received.

(*c*) *Agriculture and Forests.*—The estimate under this Head contains the following items of expenditure which are recoverable from owners of citrus plantations and others connected with the industry:—

	£
Item 128, Citrus Advertising Fund	10,000
,, 139, Fumigation of Citrus trees	10,000
,, 146, Fruit Inspection Service (an increase of £2,500)	5,000

This Head also contains, for the first time, the estimates of the Jewish and Arab Kadoorie Agricultural Schools; receipts from fees and the Kadoorie bequest being shown under revenue. The High Commissioner promises a separate despatch with reference to a scheme for the extension of the Arab Kadoorie school at Tulkarm, to which he himself proposes to contribute £3,000 (see Revenue, Head IV, Item 28). A copy of this despatch will be sent to the Treasury in due course.

Additional provision is included, *inter alia*, for agricultural demonstrations and experiments, increase of staff and extensions at the Acre Stock Farm, expansion of the sericultural service, poultry and bee-keeping improvements, up-grading of village cattle, and improvement of carob plantations.

Provision is made for the approved annual grant to the Jewish Agency Citrus Research Station (£3,600), and the following grants are also provided for research under Jewish auspices:—

	£
Field Experiments	500
Horticulture	500
Animal Nutrition	500
Mycology	350
Field Mice investigation—Hebrew University	200
Fowl Pox investigation—Hebrew University	150

The Secretary of State is satisfied as to the necessity for the provision of the additional services shown under these three Heads, and trusts that their Lordships will concur.

9. Under Head V, District Administration, provision is included for the additional Assistant District Commissioner whose appointment was approved in your letter E. 14948 of 6th February, 1934,* for two additional Palestinian probationers (see under Head V, Item 6, in the Colonial Office memorandum) and for a considerable increase of subordinate staff. The Secretary of State is glad to note that success has attended the scheme

* 37213/34 [No. 3]: not printed.

which was initiated in the current year, under which District Commissioners are enabled to make grants to villages for minor works, and for which a sum of £4,500 is now provided.

The bulk of the increase under this Head is accounted for by Item 45, " Application of Rural Property Tax Ordinance, £15,000 ". In 1932 the High Commissioner submitted an outline of proposals for the institution of a new land tax which would take the place of werko in rural areas and tithe. Certain suggestions and criticisms were made in reply, which involve further consideration. It is proposed to inform the High Commissioner that no expenditure should be incurred under Item 45 until final proposals for the new tax have been submitted and approved.

10. The increases under Head XXV, Public Works Recurrent, are considered reasonable in view of the financial position and the expansion of the programme of public works.

11. Head XXVIII, Public Works Extraordinary, shows an increase from £140,000 to £245,000, of which £49,000 represents revotes or additions to existing items, leaving £196,000 for new works. It will be noted that £30,000 has been included as a first instalment of the provision for married quarters for the Police Force. In this connexion I am to refer to the last paragraph of your letter S. 13061/4 of the 24th of August, 1933.*

Railways.

12. One of the most satisfactory features of the draft estimates is the reduction of the railway deficit from £117,000 to £91,000. As their Lordships will be aware from the monthly statements of railway revenue and expenditure (see Colonial Office letter of 1st February, 1934),† railway revenue up to the 31st of December last on the Palestine railway had exceeded the estimate by £46,000. It is anticipated that in 1934-35 the deficit on the Palestine railway will be reduced by £25,880; that the Hedjaz railway deficit will be increased by £4,116 and that the Kantara-Rafa and Petach-Tiqvah railways will show an increased revenue of £4,595, thus reducing the net deficit on the whole system by £26,359.

The estimated railway revenue in 1934-35 shows an increase of £46,680 over the original estimate for the current year, and the increase of expenditure is limited to £24,708, of which £16,000 is required for additional rolling stock.

Of the increased revenue, £42,000 is expected to be derived from goods traffic on the Palestine railway, due to increased transportation of oranges and an increased rate on orange traffic which the General Manager proposes to recommend. Increased exports of potash and increased carriage of organic manure are also expected. On the Hedjaz railway, on the other hand, revenue is expected to decline by £13,500, mainly owing to the cessation of the traffic in connexion with pipe-laying operations of the 'Iraq Petroleum Company.

Reserve Fund.

13. Of the estimated surplus at 31st March, 1934, viz., £2,204,666, £602,000 is earmarked for various purposes, including a working balance of £300,000, leaving an estimated free surplus of £1,602,666. The Secretary of State is glad to note that the High Commissioner proposes to place £1,500,000 of this surplus into the new reserve fund, and to augment this fund further by £150,000 out of the surplus anticipated in 1934-35, bringing the reserve fund to £1,650,000 by the 31st March, 1935. The High Commissioner promises a separate despatch on the subject of the reserve fund, which will, no doubt, indicate the lines on which he proposes to allocate surplus funds to the reserve in future. A copy of this despatch will be sent to the Treasury in due course, but, in the meantime, the Secretary of State desires to recommend the present proposals for approval.

Contingent Liabilities in 1934-35.

14. It will be seen from paragraph 19 of the High Commissioner's despatch that no provision has been made in the estimates for certain items (amounting to £145,000 in all) which may become a charge during the year 1934-35. These items include interest on the forthcoming £2 million loan, estimated at £70,000: also £15,000 for the construction and maintenance of roads in Trans-Jordan for the Haifa-Baghdad direct route, a proposal which was approved in principle in your letter 36016 of the 12th of August, 1933.‡ Against these liabilities, there will be available the balance of the surplus for

* 17258/33 [No. 84]: not printed. † 17352/33 [No. 33]: not printed.
‡ 18219/33 [No. 22]: not printed.

1934-35, viz., £151,000, which should be more than sufficient, since the charges in question will be to a large extent counterbalanced by receipts, e.g., grants from the Colonial Development Fund, interest on investment of unexpended loan funds, school fees, wireless licence fees and receipts from revenue-producing works.

15. Subject to the observations which are contained in this letter and in the Colonial Office memorandum, the Secretary of State proposes, if their Lordships concur, to approve the draft estimates without amendment. He will be glad if he can receive an expression of their Lordships' views in time to permit of the printing and publication of the estimates by the beginning of the financial year.

16. Their Lordships will recall that, in connexion with the draft estimates for the current year, the Secretary of State put forward certain suggestions for the modification of the present arrangements for Treasury control over the finances of Palestine, and that they agreed that this matter should be discussed by representatives of the two Departments. Discussions have been delayed owing to pressure of other business, and the proposals of this Department for certain changes in the present system of control have only recently been submitted to the Treasury in a semi-official letter. It is hoped that the new arrangements, if approved, may be brought into force with effect from the 1st of April next.

17. A separate letter* has been sent to the Treasury on the subject of Trans-Jordan Frontier Force expenditure, Heads XXI and XXIX.

I am, &c.,
O. G. R. WILLIAMS.

37205/34 [No. 10]. No. 4.

PALESTINE.

THE HIGH COMMISSIONER
to
THE SECRETARY OF STATE.

(Received 5th March, 1934.)

[*Answered by No. 7.*]

(Confidential C.)

SIR, Jerusalem, 23rd February, 1934.

I have the honour to refer to my despatch confidential A of 15th January, 1934,† forwarding for your approval the draft Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure of the Palestine Government in respect of the financial year from 1st April, 1934, to 31st March, 1935.

2. Provision of £P.93,444 is included under Head XXVIII, Public Works Extraordinary, of the draft Estimates of Expenditure for construction of roads and bridges. I have been giving further consideration to the proposed programme of road works and in consequence now recommend that, for the several reasons given in the following paragraphs of this despatch, additions should be made to that programme in the next financial year involving the expenditure of £P.14,500.

3. (*a*) *Ras-el-Ain to Petah Tiqva: £P.3,500.*—There is at present an earth-road only, connecting the railway station at Ras-el-Ain with the main north road at Petah Tiqva. This was constructed in the current year from the provision of £P.1,200 under Item 78 of Head XXX, Public Works Extraordinary, and is very largely used by omnibuses from Jaffa and Tel-Aviv to transport passengers to and from the railway station at Ras-el-Ain.

The Railway Management operates a combined road and rail service between Haifa, Jaffa, and Tel-Aviv over this route, which, by eliminating the tedious journey, with change of train, via Lydda, considerably reduces the time and increases the comfort of the journey. The connexion thus serves to encourage the use of the railways in preference to direct omnibus services.

* No. 27. † No. 1.

The earth surface, however, becomes impassable in winter. The expenditure of £P.3,500 will suffice to lay soling and furnish a firm surface even in the rains; and it is hoped in 1935-36 to provide for metalling the road.

(*b*) *Hedera Station to Karkur: £P.6,000.*—This road will serve the areas of the Jewish settlements of Karkur and Pardess Hanna (Baron Rothschild foundation) which are being intensively developed as citrus plantations. The crop is at present taken to the railway station at Hedera by camel transport along a rough track, but this primitive means is becoming entirely inadequate to carry the increasing yield, which is already estimated at 150,000 cases. The section most urgently required is four kilometres in length; this will cost £P.6,000, towards which the settlements concerned have agreed to contribute £P.3,000.

(*c*) *Tulkarm to Nathania, soling of section across the belt of cotton soil only: £P.5,000.*—This is the initial stage in the construction of a road westwards from Tulkarm which would eventually join the main north road to Haifa. At the present time, the area from Tulkarm westwards to Nathania on the sea-coast is inaccessible and completely isolated in the winter months as it is impossible for any kind of wheeled traffic to traverse the belt of cotton soil which separates the greater part of the plain from the main road and the railway at Tulkarm.

The maritime plain in this vicinity is under intensive agricultural development. Good communications, apart from being essential for this purpose, are most important and urgent in the interests of public security in the coastal region. I need not dwell upon the necessity of bringing the numerous Jewish settlements within reach in all weathers; and the Air Officer Commanding and the Inspector-General of Police and Prisons have particularly asked that this construction be undertaken. The sum of £P.5,000 will be sufficient for soling the stretch of cotton soil as far as the sandy belt which can be negotiated in all save the very worst weather.

4. Item 70 of Head XXVIII, Construction of the Jenin-Harithiya-Megiddo Road, will be reduced by £P.2,500, and Item 88, Experimental Irrigation Works, by £P.2,000, to off-set, in part, the additional expenditure; and taking also into account the contribution of £P.3,000 by the Jewish settlements towards the construction of the road between Hedera and Karkur, the net supplementary provision for road construction in the draft Estimates will be £P.7,000.

5. I trust that you will find it possible to accept my recommendations.

I have, &c.,

ARTHUR WAUCHOPE,

High Commissioner.

37205/34 [No. 11]. No. 5.

COLONIAL OFFICE

to

TREASURY.

[*Answered by No. 6.*]

SIR, Downing Street, 6th March, 1934.

With reference to the letter from this Department of the 17th of February*, I am directed to transmit to you, to be laid before the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury, a copy of a despatch† from the High Commissioner for Palestine proposing certain changes in the programme of road works for which provision is included under Head XXVIII, Public Works Extraordinary, of the draft Estimates for the year 1934-35.

2. The Secretary of State will be glad to receive their Lordships' approval of the revised proposals which involve a net increase of £7,000 over the expenditure shown in the printed draft Estimates.

I am, &c.,

H. F. DOWNIE.

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* No. 3. † No. 4.

37205/34 [No. 12]. No. 6.

TREASURY

to

COLONIAL OFFICE.

[*Answered by No. 16.*]

(S. 35956/01/34.)

SIR, Treasury Chambers, 17th March, 1934.

I have laid before the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury Mr. Williams's letter of 17th February, 1934*, enclosing the draft Estimates for Palestine for the year 1934-35.

2. In reply, I am to request you to inform the Secretary of State that, subject to the reservations made below, and to the amendments necessary as a result of decisions taken since the Estimates were drafted, My Lords sanction the Estimates on the basis of the following totals, and give Their approval to those items of expenditure for which Their specific authority is sought in the Colonial Office memorandum:—

	£P.
Revenue	3,503,655
Expenditure	3,201,949
Surplus	£P.301,706

My Lords assume that the net effect on the total expenditure provision of the amendments referred to above will not be substantial. They will be glad to be furnished in due course with copies of the Estimates in final form. Meanwhile, They sanction the net increase of £P.7,000 in the provision for road construction proposed in Mr. Downie's letter of 6th March, 1934†.

3. My Lords are glad to note that the rapid increase in Customs revenue, which was the outstanding feature of Palestine finance in the year 1932-33, has continued during 1933-34. Mainly as a result of this increase, a surplus of nearly £P.1,000,000 is anticipated on the Budget for the current year. Both the High Commissioner and the Treasurer, however, draw attention to abnormal circumstances in the present situation, and refer to indications that the special influences on Customs receipts are on the wane. They consider that of the total estimated revenue of approximately £P.3,500,000 in 1934-35, £P.500,000 is due to unstable sources and that the revenue of a more or less stable character may be estimated at £P.3,000,000.

4. During the period 1924-25 to 1931-32 the revenue of Palestine varied between £P.1,800,000 and £P.2,400,000. As recently as 1931-32 the total revenue was £P.2,355,000 only. After allowance has been made for the factors tending to increase, permanently, the annual revenue of Palestine, it appears open to doubt whether the estimate of normal revenue can safely be placed as high as £P.3,000,000.

5. The Estimates for 1934-35 as drafted show a total expenditure of slightly over £P.3,200,000. While it is true that the provision for capital expenditure is some £P.200,000 in excess of the current year's provision, on the other hand supplementary estimates of a substantial amount, including provision for the charges for the projected guaranteed loan, are foreshadowed in paragraph 19 of the High Commissioner's covering despatch of 15th January‡. Moreover, the Estimates include provision for a number of new or expanding services, the full cost of which will not be felt until later years.

6. The Secretary of State and the High Commissioner will be no less anxious than Their Lordships that Palestine should avoid the financial difficulties which have been experienced by a number of Colonial and other Governments in recent years, owing to their inability to maintain, in periods of depression, a standard of administration set up in times of buoyant revenue.

7. In order that such difficulties should be guarded against, the recurrent expenditure of Palestine, i.e., the expenditure under Heads I to XXVI and Head XXX of the Estimates, should not, in Their Lordships opinion, be allowed to exceed materially £P.2,750,000 a year. Moreover, My Lords consider that it would be prudent to build up a free reserve considerably larger than that which was previously contemplated, and They suggest a figure of £P.2½ to £P.3 million. Should the surplus balances exceed reserve fund requirements it will no doubt be considered whether some of the services for

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* No. 3. † No. 5. ‡ No. 1.

which provision is at present included in the draft schedule to the proposed guaranteed loan Bill should not be financed from balances.

8. In the event of a serious decline in revenue it would in any case be necessary to secure equilibrium by contracting expenditure. Having this in mind, My Lords would draw attention to the expenditure on educational and health services. The provision for these services in 1934-35 is approximately double the expenditure of ten years ago and is considerably in excess of the current year's provision. Moreover, it is clear from the Treasurer's memorandum that the increased school and hospital accommodation proposed will, in the natural course of events, lead to a still further increase in recurrent expenditure in later years.

9. My Lords trust that the High Commissioner will bear in mind the general considerations referred to above in examining in further detail the proposals for new or expanded services for which provision is made in the Estimates. They will await the further communications promised on the financial aspects of the expansion of educational services in the towns. They also desire to be further consulted on the programme for expanding rural educational services. In this connexion They would refer to the opinion expressed in regard to this subject on page 86 of the Report of the Financial Commission of 1931. It will be recollected that the Government of Palestine accepted in general the recommendations of the Financial Commission regarding education and in particular accepted the suggestion that no more schools should, for the time, be opened in rural areas.

10. As regards health services, My Lords would be glad to be furnished with further information on the scheme for establishing a tuberculosis sanatorium at Nazareth.

11. My Lords note that the Secretary of State is in correspondence with the High Commissioner regarding the details of the proposal to abolish the system of contributions by Municipalities on account of Municipal Police, and to reduce proportionately the Grants-in-Aid to Municipalities. In this connexion it is noted from page 145 of the Estimates that the sum of £P.10,000 is provided for increased grants to the Municipalities of Jerusalem and Tel-Aviv and some of the smaller Municipalities. My Lords desire to be further informed as to the reasons for increasing these grants.

12. It is noted that no expenditure will be incurred from the provision of £P.32,000 made for a broadcasting station at Jerusalem without further reference to Their Lordships.

13. My Lords have already referred to the question of the size of the Reserve Fund. They will await the further communication promised on this subject. Meanwhile, They concur in the proposal that the sum of £P.1,500,000 should be transferred from surplus balances to the new Reserve Fund as a first instalment.

14. The suggested modifications in the present arrangements for Treasury control over the finances of Palestine referred to in the penultimate paragraph of the letter under reply form the subject of separate correspondence.

I am, &c.,
R. V. NIND HOPKINS.

37205/34 [No. 13].

No. 7.

PALESTINE.

THE SECRETARY OF STATE

to

THE OFFICER ADMINISTERING THE GOVERNMENT.

(Sent 12.40 p.m., 20th March, 1934.)

TELEGRAM.

[Answered by No. 15.]

No. 84. Confidential. Your confidential despatch "A" of 15th January*. Draft Estimates 1934-35 approved including additional provision of £7,000 for road works under Head XXVIII requested in your confidential despatch "C" of 23rd February†, subject to reservations contained in Colonial Office Memorandum to Treasury, enclosed in my confidential despatch of 20th February‡, as to Head V, Item 34; Head XII, Item 64; Head XIII, Items 54, 54*a*, 126, and 195; Head XXII, Items 1 and 2; Head XXIII, Item 81a; Head XXVII, Item 11. Actual expenditure should not be incurred under Head XII for expansion of rural education, or Head XI, establishment of Nazareth Tuberculosis Hospital, pending receipt of despatch which follows.

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* No. 1. † No. 4. ‡ 37205/34 [No. 9]: not printed.

37205/34 [No. 14].

No. 8.

PALESTINE.

THE SECRETARY OF STATE

to

THE OFFICER ADMINISTERING THE GOVERNMENT.

(Sent 3 p.m., 22nd March, 1934.)

TELEGRAM.

No. 91. Your despatch No. 220 of 5th March*. Additional expenditure of £250 under Head III of current Estimates and the inclusion of further provision under Head III, Item 11, of £150, and Item 18 of £50, in the draft Estimates 1934-35 approved.

37205/34 [No. 15].

No. 9.

PALESTINE.

THE SECRETARY OF STATE

to

THE OFFICER ADMINISTERING THE GOVERNMENT.

[Answered by Nos. 15 and 19.]

(Confidential.)

SIR, Downing Street, 23rd March, 1934.

With reference to my confidential telegram No. 48 [?No. 84] of the 20th of March†, I have the honour to transmit to you a copy of a letter‡ from the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury conveying approval, subject to certain reservations, of the draft Estimates of Palestine for the financial year 1934-35.

2. In my telegram under reference I have already indicated that final approval of the following expenditure is temporarily withheld on the conditions stated in the Colonial Office memorandum to the Treasury, a copy of which was enclosed in my confidential despatch of the 20th of February§.

Head V, District Administration, Item 34, Application of Rural Property Tax Ordinance.

Head XIII, Department of Agriculture and Forests, Items 54, 54a, 126 and 195, Fisheries Surveys.

Head XXIII, Department of Posts and Telegraphs, Item 81a, Technical personnel for erecting Broadcasting Station.

Head XXVII, Posts and Telegraphs Extraordinary, Item 11, Broadcasting Station, Jerusalem.

3. It was further indicated in my telegram under reference that the existing provision under Head XII, Department of Education, Item 34, Scholarships Abroad, is not understood in view of the provisional approval given to an altered scheme in my confidential despatch No. 4 of the 24th of October‖. On this subject you will, no doubt, address me in due course. In addition, it was noted that the items under Head XXII, Defence, should be renumbered and drafted in the approved Estimates as they are set out in the memorandum under reference.

4. It will be observed in paragraph 2 of the Treasury letter that their Lordships approve of an increase of £7,000 in the provision for road construction under Head XXVIII, Public Works Extraordinary, which was requested in the High Commissioner's confidential despatch "C" of the 23rd of February¶.

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* 37337/34 [No. 3]: not printed. † No. 7. ‡ No. 6. § 37205/34 [No. 9]: not printed.
‖ 17408/33 [No. 7]: not printed. ¶ No. 4.

5. I would invite your particular attention to paragraphs 6 and 7 of the Treasury letter. No doubt you will bear in mind their Lordships' views when you address me further on the subject of the establishment of a reserve fund. The suggestion in the last sentence of paragraph 7 of the Treasury letter regarding the financing of certain services included in the draft schedule to the proposed guaranteed loan Bill is under consideration separately, and I will address you on this subject in due course.

6. Turning to paragraph 8 of the Treasury letter, it will be noted that their Lordships draw particular attention to the increase in the recurrent expenditure on educational and health services, and to the prospect of a still further increase in recurrent expenditure in future years.

7. As regards paragraphs 9, 10, and 11 of their letter, while their Lordships await a further communication as regards the financial aspect of the expansion of urban educational services, it will be observed that they desire to be furnished with some further explanation as to the reason for the change of policy with regard to the opening of new village schools, for which the draft Estimates under Head XII provide. I have to request that actual expenditure on the items under Head XII, which provide for the expansion of rural education, may be delayed until such time as their Lordships signify their approval of those provisions in the light of such further information as you may think it well to communicate.

8. While the scheme for establishing a tuberculosis sanatorium at Nazareth is set out in detail in the Treasurer's memorandum, their Lordships would be glad to be furnished with further information as to the desirability of establishing such a hospital in view of the existing scale of provision for health services in Palestine.

9. As regards the increase of £10,000 under Grants to Municipalities under Head XXVI, Miscellaneous, Item 15, I would explain that the further information that is requested is as to the principle on which the actual grants made to municipalities are calculated.

10. In conclusion, I have to express my appreciation of the promptness with which the draft Estimates have been furnished and the care and ability with which they have been presented, and I note with pleasure the commendation contained in paragraph 24 of the High Commissioner's confidential despatch "A" of the 15th of January* on the work of the Treasurer and his staff and of Mr. Nurock of the Secretariat.

I have, &c.,

P. CUNLIFFE-LISTER.

37205/34 [No. 19]. No. 10.

PALESTINE.

THE HIGH COMMISSIONER

to

THE SECRETARY OF STATE.

(Received 16th April, 1934.)

[*Answered by No. 13.*]

(No. 341.)

SIR, Jerusalem, 7th April, 1934.

I have the honour to refer to the provision of £P.7,875 included under Head XXVII, Posts and Telegraphs Extraordinary, Item 4, Additional Subscribers' Circuits, of the approved Estimates for the financial year 1934–35, and to request your approval for the increase of this provision by £P.2,625 to £P.10,500 in the Estimates as finally revised for publication

2. The provision of £P.7,875 included in the Estimates as drafted was made on the assumption that the rate of telephone expansion during the financial year 1934–35 would prove to be less than is now anticipated will be the case, and it has moreover become necessary to make special provision amounting to approximately £P.2,400 during the coming year for the construction of certain circuits which are urgently required on the grounds of public security and for which no funds were available during 1933–34.

* No. 1.

3. The Postmaster-General states that the latest traffic returns afford every reason for anticipating a considerably higher revenue in respect of trunk calls than was originally estimated and he is of the opinion that, taking into consideration the additional subscribers' lines which can be provided from the funds now asked for, there will be an increase in Telephone revenue of an additional £P.2,000, i.e., from £P.105,000 to £P.107,000 during the year 1934–35.

4. In these circumstances, as well as for the considerations adduced in paragraph 2 above, I shall be glad to receive your early sanction for the inclusion of the additional provision which I now propose.

I have, &c.,

J. HATHORN HALL,

For High Commissioner for Palestine.

Absent on tour.

37205/34 [No. 21]. No. 11.

COLONIAL OFFICE

to

TREASURY.

[*Answered by No. 12.*]

SIR, Downing Street, 27th April, 1934.

I am directed by Secretary Sir Philip Cunliffe-Lister to transmit to you, to be laid before the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury, the accompanying copy of a despatch* from the High Commissioner for Palestine seeking approval of the increase of the provision under Head XXVII, Posts and Telegraphs Extraordinary, Item 4, Additional Subscribers' Circuits, of the approved Estimates for the financial year 1934–35 by £P.2,625 to £P.10,500.

2. The Secretary of State proposes, subject to their Lordships' concurrence, to approve this increased provision.

I am, &c.,

O. G. R. WILLIAMS.

37205/34 [No. 23]. No. 12.

TREASURY

to

COLONIAL OFFICE.

(S.35956/05/34.)

SIR, Treasury Chambers, 2nd May, 1934.

I have laid before the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury Mr. Williams' letter of 27th April, 1934†, together with the accompanying copy of a despatch‡ from the High Commissioner for Palestine seeking approval of the increase by £P.2,625 of the provision under Head XXVII, Posts and Telegraphs Extraordinary, Item 4, Additional Subscribers' Circuits, of the approved Estimates for the financial year 1934–35.

In reply I am to request you to inform the Secretary of State for the Colonies that My Lords concur in his proposal to approve this increased provision. They note that the telephone revenue for 1934–35 is now expected to exceed the original estimate by £P.2,000.

I am, &c.,

R. V. NIND HOPKINS.

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* No. 10. † No. 11. ‡ No. 10.

37205/34 [No. 25]. No. 13.

PALESTINE.

THE SECRETARY OF STATE

to

THE HIGH COMMISSIONER.

(No. 470.)

SIR, Downing Street, 8th May, 1934.

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch No. 341 of the 7th of April*, and to inform you that, with the concurrence of the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury, I approve of the additional expenditure of £2,625 under Head XXVII, Posts and Telegraphs Extraordinary, Item 4, Additional Subscribers' Circuits, of the approved Estimates for the financial year 1934-35.

I have, &c.,

P. CUNLIFFE-LISTER.

37205/34 [No. 28]. No. 14.

PALESTINE.

THE HIGH COMMISSIONER

to

THE SECRETARY OF STATE.

(Received 5th June, 1934.)

[*Answered by No. 18.*]

(Confidential.)

SIR, Jerusalem, 31st May, 1934.

I have the honour to refer to my confidential telegram No. 133 of 24th May, 1934†, regarding the submission in final form, of the revised Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure of the Palestine Government for the financial year 1934–1935, and to forward herewith twenty copies of the published Estimates‡ which contain the various changes from the original draft authorized in the correspondence preceding your confidential despatch of 31st March, 1934§.

2. I attach hereto statements‖ showing the changes made in the draft Estimates, indicating, in each case, the authority for the change. It will be observed that a decrease of £P.21,000 is shown under Revenue, Head III: Item 15, in respect of the remission of Animal Tax approved in your telegram No. 85 of 20th March, 1934¶; and that a net increase of £P.47,709 has been inserted in the Estimates of Expenditure.

3. I have not deemed it necessary, on this occasion, to publish an explanatory memorandum with the Estimates.

I have, &c.,

ARTHUR WAUCHOPE,

High Commissioner for Palestine.

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* No. 10. † 37205/34 [No. 27]: not printed. ‡ Not reprinted.
§ 37205/34 [No. 17]: not printed. ‖ Not printed. ¶ 37293/34 [No. 20]: not printed.

37205/34 [No. 30]. No. 15.

PALESTINE.

THE HIGH COMMISSIONER

to

THE SECRETARY OF STATE.

(Received 11th June, 1934.)

[*Answered by No. 18.*]

(Confidential. "B.")

SIR, Jerusalem, 2nd June, 1934.

I have the honour to refer to your confidential despatch of 23rd March, 1934*, on the subject of the Palestine Estimates for the financial year 1934-35, in paragraph 8 of which you informed me that the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury would be glad to be furnished with further information as to the desirability of establishing a tuberculosis sanatorium at Nazareth.

2. On reconsideration, I have reached the conclusion that it would be preferable to postpone for the present the establishment of the proposed sanatorium.

3. The recently appointed tuberculosis and endemic diseases expert is at present engaged on a detailed survey of the incidence of tuberculosis in Palestine and, although the Director of Medical Services advises that the sanatorium would be of value to the survey by furnishing a centre where a more thorough and scientific investigation of difficult and obscure types of the disease could be carried out, it is not an essential part of the survey. There would therefore be advantages in awaiting the completion of the survey, when the extent of the disease in Palestine will be known and its principal causes apparent, before Government embarks on a scheme for the cure, as opposed to the prevention, of tuberculosis.

4. For these reasons I now recommend that the establishment of a sanatorium at Nazareth should be postponed until the situation is clearer and until I have been able to reconsider the policy of Government in the light of the results of the present tuberculosis survey.

5. On the other hand, I consider that the sum of approximately £P.3,000 which was to be expended on the tuberculosis sanatorium would, in the present financial year, be more usefully devoted to anti-malarial measures of a non-recurrent nature, and I propose to address you further on the latter question when the Director of Medical Services has completed the preparation of a definite scheme.

I have, &c.,

ARTHUR WAUCHOPE,

High Commissioner for Palestine.

37205/34 [No. 31]. No. 16.

COLONIAL OFFICE

to

TREASURY.

[*Answered by No. 17.*]

SIR, Downing Street, 25th June, 1934.

With reference to the letter from this Department of the 29th of March†, I am directed by Secretary Sir Philip Cunliffe-Lister to transmit to you, to be laid before the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury, a copy of a despatch‡ from the High Commissioner for Palestine forwarding copies of the Estimates for the financial year 1934-35 as

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* No. 9. † 37205/34 [No. 16]: not printed. ‡ No. 14.

published, with a schedule indicating the various changes which have been made in the approved draft Estimates. Three copies of the published Estimates are also enclosed.

2. I am also to enclose, with reference to paragraph 10 of your letter S.35956/01/34 of the 17th of March*, a copy of a despatch† from the High Commissioner reporting that he has decided to postpone for the present the establishment of the tuberculosis sanatorium at Nazareth, for which provision of £3,950 was included in the draft Estimates, under Head XI, Item 130, and Head XXVIII, Item 38. It will be seen that the High Commissioner contemplates alternative expenditure on anti-malarial measures of a non-recurrent nature, and that he will communicate further with the Secretary of State on this subject when a definite scheme has been prepared.

3. I am to add that their Lordships' approval has already been obtained for all the changes of importance in the approved Estimates which are noted in the schedule enclosed in the High Commissioner's despatch of 31st of May§. References to correspondence with the Treasury have been inserted in the enclosed copy of the schedule. Sir Philip Cunliffe-Lister will be glad to receive their Lordships' sanction for such changes as still require their Lordships' approval.

I am, &c.,

O. G. R. WILLIAMS.

37205/34 [No. 33]. No. 17.

TREASURY

to

COLONIAL OFFICE.

(S.35956/01/34/2.)

SIR, Treasury Chambers, 10th July, 1934.

I have laid before the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury Mr. Williams' letter of 25th June, 1934‡, together with the accompanying copy of a despatch§ from the High Commissioner for Palestine forwarding copies of the Estimates for the financial year 1934-35 as published, with a schedule indicating the various changes which have been made in the approved draft Estimates.

My Lords observe that the changes of importance included in the schedule have already received Their approval. I am now to request you to convey to Secretary Sir Philip Cunliffe-Lister Their sanction for the remaining amendments.

My Lords note that the High Commissioner has decided to postpone for the present the establishment of a tuberculosis sanatorium at Nazareth, for which provision of £P.3,950 was included in the draft Estimates, but that he contemplates alternative expenditure of a non-recurrent nature on anti-malarial measures. They will await a further communication on this subject.

The proposals regarding the provision for rural educational services submitted in Colonial Office letter of 11th June, 1934‖, form the subject of a separate communication¶.

I am, &c.,

R. V. NIND HOPKINS.

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* No. 6. † No. 15. ‡ No. 16. § No. 14. ‖ 37454/34 [No. 2]: not printed.
¶ 37454/34 [No. 5]: not printed.

37205/34 [No. 34]. No. 18.

PALESTINE.

THE SECRETARY OF STATE

to

THE HIGH COMMISSIONER.

(Confidential. (2.))

SIR, Downing Street, 30th July, 1934.

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your confidential despatch of the 31st of May* and of your confidential despatch B of the 2nd of June†, regarding the published Estimates for the current financial year and to inform you that, with the concurrence of the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury, I approve of such changes in the approved draft Estimates as have not already been sanctioned.

2. I will await a further despatch on the subject of your proposal to utilize for the purpose of anti-malarial measures of a non-recurrent nature the sums which were originally provided for the establishment of a tuberculosis sanatorium at Nazareth.

I have, &c.,

P. CUNLIFFE-LISTER.

37205/34 [No. 35]. No. 19.

PALESTINE.

THE HIGH COMMISSIONER

to

THE SECRETARY OF STATE.

(Received 7th August, 1934.)

[*Answered by No. 22.*]

(Confidential.)

SIR, Jerusalem, 28th July, 1934.

I have the honour to refer to paragraph 9 of your confidential despatch of 23rd March, 1934‡, regarding the Palestine Estimates for the year 1934-35, and to inform you that grants-in-aid to municipalities are calculated on a careful appreciation of the respective requirements of each municipality. The necessity for a grant and the amount thereof are determined on Government's opinion of the need for the services provided in the municipal estimates and the adequacy of the revenue to meet the cost thereof.

2. The estimates of municipal corporations are very carefully examined and any unauthorized or extravagant items of expenditure are challenged by Government. The estimates of revenue are also examined and criticized and only when Government has been fully satisfied on both points is any grant-in-aid recommended.

I have, &c.,

ARTHUR WAUCHOPE,

High Commissioner for Palestine.

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* No. 14. † No. 15. ‡ No. 9.

37205/34 [No. 36]. No. 20.

COLONIAL OFFICE

to

TREASURY.

[*Answered by No. 21.*]

SIR, Downing Street, 16th August, 1934.

With reference to this Department's letter of the 29th of March*, I am directed by Secretary Sir Philip Cunliffe-Lister to transmit to you, to be laid before the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury, a copy of a despatch† from the High Commissioner for Palestine explaining the principles on which grants-in-aid are provided for municipalities.

2. The Secretary of State trusts that their Lordships will now be able to approve of the expenditure provided for this purpose under Item 15 of Head XXVI of the current Estimates.

I am, &c.,

O. G. R. WILLIAMS.

37205/34 [No. 38]. No. 21.

TREASURY

to

COLONIAL OFFICE.

(S. 39281.)

SIR, Treasury Chambers, 9th October, 1934.

I have laid before the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury Mr. Williams' letter of 16th August, 1934‡, together with the accompanying copy of a despatch§ from the High Commissioner for Palestine explaining the principles on which grants-in-aid are provided for municipalities.

In reply I am to request you to inform Secretary Sir Philip Cunliffe-Lister that, in the light of the information now furnished, My Lords approve the provision made for grants-in-aid to municipalities under Head XXVI, Item 15, of the Palestine Estimates, 1934-35.

I am, &c.,

R. V. NIND HOPKINS.

37205/34 [No. 39]. No. 22.

PALESTINE.

THE SECRETARY OF STATE

to

THE OFFICER ADMINISTERING THE GOVERNMENT.

(Confidential.)

SIR, Downing Street, 12th October, 1934.

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your confidential despatch of the 28th of July‖ and to inform you that, with the concurrence of the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury, I approve the provision made for grants-in-aid to municipalities under Head XXVI, Item 15, of the current Estimates.

I have, &c.,

P. CUNLIFFE-LISTER.

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* 37205/34 [No. 16]: not printed. † No. 19. ‡ No. 20. § No. 19. ‖ No. 19.

2. Trans-Jordan Frontier Force (Grant-in-Aid.)

17730/33 [No. 1]. No. 23.

TRANS-JORDAN.

THE SECRETARY OF STATE

to

THE HIGH COMMISSIONER.

(Sent 8 p.m., 19th October, 1933.)

TELEGRAM.

[*Answered by No. 24.*]

No. 105. Treasury require provisional figures for Estimates for 1934 early in November. Please telegraph by 31st October:—Total estimated expenditure on Trans-Jordan Frontier Force for year ending 31st March, 1935. Estimate should show (1) recurrent expenditure, (2) capital works services in Palestine, (3) capital works services in Trans-Jordan.

I shall be glad to receive detailed Estimates not later than 15th December and if possible earlier. In this connexion please see paragraph 8 of my confidential despatch of 5th May*.

17730/33 [No. 2]. No. 24.

TRANS-JORDAN.

THE HIGH COMMISSIONER

to

THE SECRETARY OF STATE.

(Received 9.30 p.m., 30th October, 1933.)

TELEGRAM.

30th October. No. 115. Your telegram No. 105†. Provisional Estimates of ordinary expenditure £176,332 Capital Works Palestine £15,635 Capital Works Trans-Jordan £16,753. Grant-in-aid required will therefore be £149,000.

Detailed Estimates are under consideration and will be sent as soon as possible.

17730/33 [No. 3]. No. 25.

COLONIAL OFFICE

to

TREASURY.

[*Answered by No. 28.*]

SIR, Downing Street, 9th November, 1933.

I am directed by Secretary Sir Philip Cunliffe-Lister to transmit to you, to be laid before the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury, the accompanying copy of a telegram‡ from the High Commissioner for Trans-Jordan regarding the provision to be made in the Vote for Colonial and Middle Eastern Services 1934-35 in respect of the Trans-Jordan Frontier Force Grant-in-Aid.

2. It will be observed that the estimated expenditure is as follows:—

	£
(1) Recurrent	176,332
(2) Capital Works Services in Palestine	15,635
(3) Capital Works Services in Trans-Jordan	16,753
Total	£208,720

* No. 22 in Middle East No. 48. † No. 23. ‡ No. 24.

3. Pending the receipt of the detailed Estimates, the sum of £149,000 has been provisionally inserted in the draft Vote for 1934-35 in respect of the Grant-in-Aid towards the cost of this Force. This sum is made up as follows:—

	£
Three-quarters of the estimated recurrent cost of £176,332 ...	132,249
Cost of Capital Works in Trans-Jordan	16,753
Total	£149,002

Say £149,000.

I am, &c.,

O. G. R. WILLIAMS.

17730/33 [No. 4]. No. 26.

TRANS-JORDAN.

THE HIGH COMMISSIONER

to

THE SECRETARY OF STATE.

(Received 12th December, 1933.)

[*Answered by No. 30.*]

(Secret.)

SIR, Jerusalem, 7th December, 1933.

I have the honour to refer to my telegram No. 115 of the 30th October, 1933*, and to transmit herewith the detailed draft Estimates for the Trans-Jordan Frontier Force for the financial year 1934-35, which form Head XXIII of the Palestine Estimates.

2. It will be seen that the ordinary expenditure shows a decrease of £P.8,231 in comparison with the approved Estimates for the current year while the estimate for the Extraordinary Works has been increased by £P.14,216, resulting in a net increase of £P.5,985. The required Grant-in-Aid, however, will be £P.148,995, calculated as under:—

	£P.
Three-quarters of estimated ordinary expenditure (three-quarters of £P.176,322)	132,242
Whole estimated expenditure on Extraordinary Works in Trans-Jordan (£P.16,993 less £P.240 to be refunded from Royal Air Force votes)	16,753
	£P.148,995

I therefore requested in my telegram that provision should be made for a grant of £P.149,000, the same amount as that approved for the current year.

3. Provision is made for the following increases in the establishment of the Force:—

	£P.	
Item 31—5 Sergeants at £P.10 p.m.	600	
Item 38—1 Sergeant Mechanic at £P.16 p.m. ...	192	
Item 42—2 Drivers at £P.10 p.m.	240	
Item 43—4 Mechanics at £P.12 p.m.	576	
Item 46—1 Wireless Mechanic	144	
Item 50—2 Soldier Clerks at £P.10 p.m.	60	(net increase)
	£P.1,812	

* No. 24.

Against this are set the following decreases:—

	£P.	
Item 33—5 Corporals at £P.8 p.m.	480	
Item 34—10 Privates at £P.6 p.m.	720	
Item 39—1 Corporal Mechanic at £P.15 p.m. ...	180	
Item 40—1 Sergeant Driver at £P.15 p.m. ...	180	
Item 41—2 Corporal Drivers at £P.12 p.m. ...	288	
Item 50—1 Clerk, Grade II £P.180-8-276 ...	–	(See remark against this item under
	£P.1,848	Increases).

4. Approval for certain of these increases and decreases was conveyed in your despatch No. 144 of the 11th October, 1933*. The changes not covered by this sanction are as follow:—

Increases:

	£P.	
Item 31—1 Sergeant at £P.10 p.m.	120	
Item 46—1 Wireless Mechanic at £P.12 p.m. ...	144	
Item 50—2 Soldier Clerks at £P.10 p.m. ...	60	
(net increase)	£P.324	

Decreases:

	£P.	
Item 33—1 Corporal at £P.8 p.m.	96	
Item 34—3 Privates at £P.6 p.m.	216	
(2 Wireless Operators)		
(1 Trooper Clerk)		
Item 50—1 Clerk, Grade II	–	(See remark under
	£P.312	Increases above).

The changes under Items 31 and 33 are made to allow of the promotion of the Pioneer Corporal to the rank of Sergeant. This non-commissioned officer has under his control Pioneers in the different camps of the Frontier Force and must be a skilled workman: if the present Corporal were to leave the Force it would be impossible to obtain the services of a suitable substitute at less than £P.10 a month. Moreover, the duties of the appointment have recently been extended to include control of the Sanitary Squad. The Corporal at present filling the post has held the same rank in the Force for approximately seven years.

The Wireless Mechanic proposed at Item 46 is a new appointment. At present there is no Wireless Mechanic on the establishment, although the Frontier Force maintains four permanent wireless telegraph stations and five wireless telegraph tenders. The appointment of a qualified mechanic is considered essential in order that repairs may be carried out locally and the service properly maintained. £P.144 a year is the minimum at which it is possible to obtain a qualified wireless telegraph mechanic. To offset this increase it is proposed to decrease the wireless personnel by two privates under Item 34.

The proposal for an increase under Item 50 has been made by the Officer Commanding, Trans-Jordan Frontier Force, after experience of the working of the existing establishment of clerical staff. The present establishment for Headquarters Wing of the Force includes, in addition to the officers shown under Item 52 of Head XXIII of the approved Estimates for 1933-34, one British Warrant Officer, one Local Officer (Regimental Records Officer) and three Troopers (clerks). It has been found that a slight modification of this cadre is advisable and it is proposed to create two new appointments of Soldier Clerk and to abolish one post of Grade II and decrease the number of Privates under Item 34 by one Trooper (clerk).

* 17714/33 [No. 4]: not printed.

5. The remaining increases in certain items for personal emoluments are in respect of normal increments. There are decreases due to changes in the holders of certain appointments, to savings on trade pay in respect of appointments which have been abolished, and to the fact that recruits filling the vacancies created by the departure of time-expired men will not be entitled to the proficiency pay and good conduct pay drawn by the latter.

6. The following Items of Other Charges show an increase over the corresponding provision for the current year:—

	£P.
Item 73—Forage	1,500
Item 78—Miscellaneous Stores	200
Item 91—Replacement of Mechanical Vehicles ...	1,500
	£P.3,200

The estimate of the cost of forage is based on the prices of the present contract, which are approximately 20 per cent higher than those for 1932-33. The increased provision is therefore essential.

The increase of £P.200 under Item 78 is to provide for the purchase of disinfecting material for the men's married quarters which are in course of erection.

The provision of £P.3,000 for the replacement of mechanical vehicles involves an increase of £P.1,500 over that approved for 1933-34. In my despatch Secret B of the 27th February, 1932*, I estimated that the annual charge for replacements would amount to £P.3,500 in 1933 and subsequent years. It now appears that it will not be possible to distribute the replacements equally over a number of years, and that while the expenditure in 1933-34 and 1934-35 will be less than £P.3,500 each year, it will be essential to provide a larger amount in the two succeeding years. A tentative scheme for replacements, drawn up by the Officer Commanding, Trans-Jordan Frontier Force, is attached to the draft Estimates as Appendix C. In view of fluctuations in the cost of mechanical vehicles, as well as uncertainty as to the practical life of each vehicle, the scheme can only be regarded as provisional. It is of course understood that no vehicle will be scrapped until it has been examined by a qualified Board.

7. Decreases totalling £P.5,809 in fourteen Items of Other Charges are explained in the " Remarks " column of the draft Estimates.

8. The estimates for Special Expenditure comprise five Items totalling £P.630. The reasons for the purchases are given in the " Remarks " column of the Estimates and are, I consider, adequate justification for making the proposed provision.

9. The proposed expenditure on Extraordinary Works in Palestine amounts to £P.15,635. Of these Items 1 and 2, totalling £P.4,000, are revotes from approved works provided for in the Estimates for 1933-34, which it will not be possible to complete before the 31st March, 1934. Of the remainder the greater part is comprised in Items 3 and 7, for the reconstruction of the Frontier Force Camps at Samakh (£P.5,530) and Beisan (£P.2,225). At Samakh it is proposed to replace by permanent buildings existing structures of mud and of corrugated iron, the condition of which is most unsatisfactory and which are in some cases almost uninhabitable. Some indeed have reached the state in which complete repair would be almost as expensive as the proposed replacement. At Beisan it is similarly proposed to construct permanent buildings to replace old structures which have been condemned.

Item 4 provides for the addition to Samakh Camp of a detention room and armoury, an isolation stable for sick horses, and a visiting room for British Warrant Officers. With regard to the last I have to explain that it is frequently necessary for British Warrant Officers from Zerka to visit the detachments in the Jordan Valley. At present there is no accommodation available for them in the camps and they are compelled to stay in an hotel, which entails the payment to them of detention allowance and the provision of transport between the hotel and the camp. Provision of this room will obviate such expenditure.

* C. 97719/32 [No. 9]: not printed.

Item 5 is for improvement and enlargement of the rifle range at Samakh. At present is has only four butts, which are insufficient for the number of men who have to use it and, in addition, the firing points lie on the aerodrome.

Item 6 provides for the construction of an armoury and of isolation stables and sick lines at the Jisr el Majami' camp. Both are essential.

Item 8 is necessitated by the fact that the Trans-Jordan Frontier Force camp at Rosh Pinna is entirely unenclosed.

Item 9 provides for the proper surfacing of roads serving the camps at Jisr el Majami' and Beisan. These roads were originally laid down as rough foundations without surfacing.

Item 10 is for necessary repairs to the water supply plant and piping at Beisan camp.

10. Of the total of £P.16,753 provided for Extraordinary Works in Trans-Jordan £P.5,995 (Item 11) is for the construction of buildings of permanent type to replace existing hutments at Zerka Camp, and £P.4,920 (Item 18) is estimated to be required for renewal of the electrical installation and improvements to the water supply plant at that station.

When the camp was instituted its buildings consisted mainly of part-used Army hutments and of temporary corrugated iron erections. The majority of them have reached a stage of deterioration when the cost of their maintenance is so great as to be less economic than their complete replacement. The Officer Commanding, Trans-Jordan Frontier Force, has accordingly drawn up a scheme for replacement during the next two years of the temporary buildings in worst condition. The replacements provided for in Item 11 comprise the wireless telegraph room and office, two barrack blocks, a hospital kitchen and equipment store, one block of five single quarters for British Officers and one block of three quarters for British Warrant Officers, and accommodation for servants and stores.

The expenditure on the electrical installation is designed in the first place to purchase additional generating plant. There are at present two 32 h.p. engines and two 20-kilowatt generators: there are no batteries. One engine and generator can only just supply the existing load and must be run at all times when light or power is required. With the increase in load which will result from the construction of married quarters and other buildings it will be necessary to use both engines, leaving no possibility for overhaul or repair. It is therefore proposed to purchase one 54 h.p. engine with a 34-kilowatt generator, and one 120-cell battery of 550 ampère hour capacity, with switch gear and auxiliaries. Provision is also made for the replacement of the existing overhead lines, which already in 1931 were condemned as dangerous, and for the extension of the system to the new married quarters for non-commissioned officers. The power house would also be rebuilt.

The expenditure on the water supply will provide for the construction of a new storage tank, the renewal of the distribution systems and of a part of the rising main, and the overhaul of the engine.

11. Of the other items for Extraordinary Works in Trans-Jordan, No. 12 (£P.1,700) is for the enlargement of the workshops at Zerka, which are insufficient since the mechanization of a second Company of the Force. Item 13 (£P.1,615) provides at Zerka for the increase of dining accommodation from 150 to 300 men and the erection of accommodation for the canteen manager, staff and stores; and the provision of a canteen store and manager's room at Ma'an. Item 14 provides £P.1,380 for the construction of three married quarters for local Officers at Ma'an: all other stations have such quarters, and such civilian accommodation as is available at Ma'an is expensive and unsuitable. Item 15 (£P.590) will provide at the Zerka Camp a store for petrol which is at present accommodated in a stable, and extensions of the Quarter-master's store and of the motor tyre store. Item 16 (£P.193) is for construction of a kitchen and store at the Senior British Officers quarters at Ma'an. Item 17 will provide concrete walls for extra safety precautions at the miniature ranges at Zerka and Ma'an. Item 19 is the estimated cost of construction of a simple range for use by Armoured Fighting Vehicles. The provision of a range for this purpose is essential to the proper training of the mechanized companies of the Force, and at my suggestion

a more elaborate proposal has been replaced by the simplest type of range suitable for the purpose. The range would also be used by the armoured cars of the Royal Air Force, and provision will be made in the Air Force votes for reimbursement of one-half of the cost.

12. The estimates have been prepared and scrutinized with the greatest care and attention and I trust that you will be able to approve them without modification.

I have, &c.,

ARTHUR WAUCHOPE,

High Commissioner for Trans-Jordan.

Enclosure in No. 26.

PALESTINE ESTIMATES 1934–1935.

Item.	1933–34.	1934–35.	*Details of Expenditure.*		*Approved Estimates, 1933–34.*	*Estimates, 1934–35.*	*Increase.*	*Decrease.*	*Remarks.*
			Trans-Jordan Frontier Force. *A.—Personal Emoluments. British Ranks.*	£P.	£P.	£P.	£P.	£P.	
1.	1	1	Commanding Officer	1,150 p.a.	1,150	1,150	—	—	
2.	—	—	Duty Allowance	100 p.a.	100	100	—	—	
3.	1	1	Second-in-Command	900 p.a.	1,073	900	—	173	3. One appointment supernumerary, part 1933–34.
4.	—	—	Duty Allowance	50 p.a.	50	50	—	—	
5.	1	1	Adjutant	600–50–700 p.a.	650	694	44	—	5. Increments.
6.	—	—	Duty Allowance	50 p.a.	50	50	—	—	
7.	5	5	Company Commanders	700–50–800 p.a.	3,868	3,933	65	—	7. Increments and change in holders.
8.	—	—	Duty Allowance	50 p.a.	250	250	—	—	
9.	1	1	Senior Medical Officer	700–50–800 p.a.	738	750	12	—	9. Increments.
10.	—	—	Duty Allowance	50 p.a.	50	50	—	—	
11.	1	1	Senior Veterinary Officer	600–50–700 p.a.	700	700	—	—	
12.	—	—	Duty Allowance	50 p.a.	50	50	—	—	
13.	10	10	Company Officers	600–50–700 p.a.	6,226	6,443	217	—	13. Increments; Change in holders.
14.	1	1	Signalling Officer	600–50–700 p.a.	683	700	17	—	14. Increment.
15.	1	1	Quartermaster	600–50–700 p.a.	688	700	12	—	15. Increment.
16.	1	1	Paymaster	600–50–700 p.a.	636	650	14	—	16. Increment.
17.	1	1	Workshops Officer	600–50–700 p.a.	600	615	15	—	17. Increment.
18.	6	6	Warrant Officers	290–10–340 p.a.	1,973	1,962	—	11	18. Change in holders.
19.	—	—	Expatriation Allowance	50 p.a.	300	300	—	—	
20.	1	1	Farrier Staff Sergeant	240–10–280 p.a.	280	249	—	31	20. Change in holders.
21.	—	—	Expatriation Allowance	50 p.a.	50	50	—	—	
22.	2	2	Mechanical Transport Staff Sergeants	240–10–280 p.a.	531	553	22	—	22. Increments.
23.	—	—	Expatriation Allowance	50 p.a.	100	100	—	—	
24.	—	—	Reserve of Officers		270	270	—	—	
25.	—	—	Compensatory Allowances		108	90	—	18	25. Change in holders of appointments. *See* Appendix "A."
			Carried forward ..		21,174	21,359	418	233	

Item.	1933–34.	1934–35.	Details of Expenditure.		Approved Estimates, 1933–34.	Estimates 1934–35.	Increase.	Decrease.	Remarks.
					£P.	£P.	£P.	£P.	
			Brought forward ..		21,174	21,359	418	233	
			Local Ranks.	£P.					
26.	23	23	Local Officers		5,688	5,848	160	—	26. Increments " change of grades."
			3 Kaids	300–20–400 p.a.					
			7 Rais	252– 8–300 p.a.					
			13 Mulazims	208– 8–248 p.a.					
27.	—	—	Duty Allowance	50 p.a.	50	50	—	—	
28.	3	3	Medical Officers	300–10–550 p.a.	1,313	1,284	—	29	28. Change in holders.
29.	1	1	Veterinary Officer	300–20–400 p.a.	382	400	18	—	29. Increment.
30.	6	6	Company-Quartermaster-Sergeants	.. @ 150 p.a.	900	900	—	—	
31.	27	32	Sergeants	@ 10 per month	3,240	3,840	600	—	31. Increase, 4 appointments.
32.	6	6	Lance-Sergeants	@ 9 per month	648	648	—	—	
33.	36	31	Corporals	@ 8 per month	3,456	2,976	—	480	33. Decrease of 5 appointments.
34.	679	669	Privates	@ 6 per month	48,888	48,168	—	720	34. Decrease of 10 appointments.
35.	—	—	Proficiency	.. .. ..	3,915	3,600	—	315	35. Payable under Regulations.
36.	—	—	Trade Pay	.. .. ..	2,550	2,500	—	50	
37.	—	—	Good Conduct Pay	.. .. ..	4,200	4,000	—	200	37. *See* remarks under Item 35.
38.	—	1	Sergeant Mechanic	@ 16 per month	—	192	192	—	38. New appointment.
39.	3	2	Corporal Mechanics	@ 15 per month	540	360	—	180	39. Decrease, 1 appointment.
40.	1	—	Sergeant Driver	@ 15 per month	180	—	—	180	40. Appointment abolished.
41.	12	10	Corporal Drivers	@ 12 per month	1,728	1,440	—	288	41. Two appointments abolished.
42.	31	33	Drivers	@ 10 per month	3,720	3,960	240	—	42. Increase of 2 appointments.
43.	7	11	Mechanics	@ 12 per month	1,008	1,584	576	—	43. Increase of 4 appointments.
44.	1	1	Power House Superintendent ..	@ 15 per month	180	180	—	—	
45.	4	4	Electrician Mechanics	@ 12 per month	576	576	—	—	
46.	—	1	Wireless Mechanic	@ 12 per month	—	144	144	—	46. New appointment. *See* decrease of 2 privates, Item 34.
47.	1	1	Bodymaker, M.T.	@ 12 per month	144	144	—	—	
48.	1	1	Painter, M.T.	@ 10 per month	120	120	—	—	
49.	1	1	Pumpman	@ 10 per month	120	120	—	—	
50.	7	8	Clerical Officers :—		1,300	1,392	92	—	50. Increase 2 Soldier Clerks. Decrease 1 Grade II Clerk.
			1 Grade I	288–12–360 p.a.					
			2 Grade II	180– 8–276 p.a.					
			5 Soldier Clerks	@ 10 per month					
51.	1	1	Regimental Records Officer ..	@ 180–8–276	212	220	8	—	51. Increment.
52.	—	—	Compensatory Allowance	.. .. ..	10	10	—	—	52. *See* Appendix A.

53.	23	23	Sanitary Men	@ 4.500 mils p.m.	1,242	1,242	—	—	
54.	—	—	Reservists		2,898	2,898	—	—	54. 180 Reservists at £P. 8 p.a. :— £P. Retaining Fee .. .. .. 1,440 £P.5 p.a. Bonus .. .. 900 6 Sergeants, £P.5 p.a., Pay .. 30 6 Corporals, £P.4 p.a., Pay .. 24 168 Privates, £P.3 p.a., Pay .. 504 £P.2,898
55.	1	1	Assistant Engineer	@ 312–12–372 p.a.	372	372	—	—	
56.	1	1	Foreman, Grade II	@ 180–8–276 p.a.	236	244	8	—	56. Increment.
57.	1	1	Foreman, Grade III	@ 60–6–168 p.a.	132	138	6	—	57. Increment.
58.	1	1	Clerk, Grade III	@ 60–6–168 p.a.	117	123	6	—	58. Increment.
59.	—	—	Remuneration to part-time teachers		96	96	—	—	
60.	20	20	Recruits	@ 4.500 mils per month	1,080	1,080	—	—	
			Officers seconded to Trans-Jordan Government.						
61.	1	1	Company Commander	@ 700–50–800 p.a.	—	—	—	—	61. Major E. W. Northfield.
			TOTAL PERSONAL EMOLUMENTS		112,415	112,208	2,468	2,675	Net decrease on Personal Emoluments, £P.207.

Item.	Details of Expenditure.	Approved Estimates, 1933–34.	Estimates, 1934–35.	Increase.	Decrease.	Remarks.
	B.—Other Charges.	£P.	£P.	£P.	£P.	
62.	Pensions Contributions, Pensions, and Gratuities	4,500	4,500	—	—	
63.	Cost of Living Allowances	1,178	1,059	—	119	63. *See* List attached, marked " B."
64.	Officers' Outfit Allowances	320	280	—	40	64. 10 Reserve of Officers ; 4 returning to Units.
65.	Transport and Travelling	3,000	3,000	—	—	
66.	Railway Fares and Freight	5,300	5,300	—	—	
67.	Passages	500	300	—	200	
68.	Maintenance of Mechanical Transport	10,800	9,000	—	1,800	
69.	Arms, Equipment, Uniform, and Clothing	9,500	9,000	—	500	
70.	Ammunition	3,500	2,500	—	1,000	70. New annual practices and classification require less ammunition.
71.	Harness and Saddlery	1,100	900	—	200	
72.	Horse Shoes and Stable Requisites	1,400	1,200	—	200	
73.	Forage	10,500	12,000	1,500	—	73. Based on present Contract Prices.
74.	Camp Equipment	600	600	—	—	
75.	Fuel and Light	1,900	1,800	—	100	
	Carried forward ..	54,098	51,439	1,500	4,159	

Item.	Details of Expenditure.	Approved Estimates, 1933–1934.	Estimates, 1934–35.	Increase.	Decrease.	Remarks.
		£P.	£P.	£P.	£P.	
	Brought forward ..	54,098	51 439	1,500	4,159	
76.	Furniture and Barrack Stores	750	750	—	—	
77.	Stationery and Printing	375	375	—	—	
78.	Miscellaneous Stores	500	700	200	—	78. Increased Sanitation in Camps due to Men's Married Quarters.
79.	Maintenance of Signalling and Wireless Telegraphy Apparatus	900	800	—	100	79. *See* Item No. 100 of Special Expenditure.
80.	Medical Services	1,000	1,000	—	—	
81.	Veterinary Services	150	150	—	—	
82.	Rent of Camps, Quarters, and Training Areas	60	60	—	—	
83.	Current Repairs and Maintenance of Camps and Buildings	2,200	2,200	—	—	
84.	Water Supply and Conservancy	500	500	—	—	
85.	Crown Agents Expenses	350	300	—	50	
86.	Typewriters and Duplicators	50	50	—	—	
87.	Telegrams, Telephones, and Postage	800	700	—	100	
88.	Contingencies	60	60	—	—	
89.	Purchase of Remounts	2,000	900	—	1,100	89. Sufficient : Normal estimate previous to 1933–34.
90.	Rations	800	500	—	300	90. Considered sufficient for normal requirements.
91.	Replacement of Mechanical Vehicles	1,500	3,000	1,500	—	91. *See* attached Appendix marked "C."
	Special Expenditure					
92.	Purchase of six Hotchkiss Guns	360	—	—	360	
93.	Purchase of four part-worn Lewis Guns	100	—	—	100	
94.	Purchase of eight Vickers Guns	2,400	—	—	2,400	
95.	Purchase of Musketry Equipment	100	—	—	100	
96.	Purchase of S.M.L.E. Rifles, ·22 bore	100	—	—	100	
97.	Purchase of Workshops Tools and Plant	185	—	—	185	
98.	Printing of Standing Orders and Training Manuals	100	65	—	35	98. Printing Standing Orders in Arabic.
99.	Purchase of Vehicles for Mechanization	2,700	—	—	2,700	
100.	Purchase of 70-feet Wireless Masts	—	100	100	—	100. To replace Masts now on loan from Royal Air Force (*see* Item No. 79).
101.	Purchase of D.P. Vickers Gun and Tripod	—	60	60	—	101. Necessary for drill purposes.
102.	Purchase of S.M.L.E. Rifles	—	280	280	—	102. To replace 50 worn out rifles
103.	Purchase of Gymnasium Equipment	—	125	125	—	103. Necessary for Recruit Training—no equipment for this purpose previously purchased.
	TOTAL—OTHER CHARGES	72,138	64,114	3,765	11,789	Net Decrease, Other Charges, £P.8,024.
	TOTAL—TRANS-JORDAN FRONTIER FORCE ..	184,553	176,322	6,233	14,464	Net Decrease, £P.8,231.

XXXI. TRANS-JORDAN FRONTIER FORCE EXTRAORDINARY.

		Original Estimate.	Revised Estimate.	Expenditure to 31.3.34.	Estimates, 1934–35.	Remarks.
	IN PALESTINE.	£P.	£P.	£P.	£P.	
1.	Men's Married Quarters in Jordan Area	5,800	—	2,000	3,800	
2.	Construction of Single British Officers' Quarter, Jisr el Mejamie	600	—	400	200	
3.	Re-construction of Semakh Camp	5,530	—	—	5,530	3. To replace existing structures of mud and of corrugated iron by permanent buildings.
4.	Additions to Semakh Camp	580	—	—	580	4. For addition of detention room, armoury, visiting room for British Warrant Officers, and isolation stable for sick horses.
5.	Reconstruction of Rifle Range at Semakh	800	—	—	800	5. Present 4-butt range is inadequate and unsuitable.
6.	Additions to Jisr el Mejamie Camp	380	—	—	380	6. For construction of armoury, isolation stables and sick lines.
7.	Reconstruction of Beisan Camp	2,225	—	—	2,225	7. To replace condemned structures by permanent buildings.
8.	Wiring Rosh-Pina Camp	600	—	—	600	8. Present camp is unenclosed.
9.	Roads in Jordan Area Camps	820	—	—	820	9. To resurface roads at Jisr el Mejamie and Beisan.
10.	Water Supply, Beisan Camp	700	—	—	700	10. For necessary improvements to water supply plant and piping.
	Total in Palestine	18,035	—	2,400	15,635	
	IN TRANS-JORDAN.					
11.	Additions to Zerka Camp	5,995	—		5,995	11. To replace the worst of the present temporary buildings by permanent structures.
12.	Additions to Workshops, Zerka	1,700	—		1,700	12. Present workshops insufficient since mechanization of the second Company.
13.	Additions to Regimental Canteens	1,615	—		1,615	13. To increase dining accommodation and provide accommodation for manager, staff and stores at Zerka and to provide canteen store and manager's room at Ma'an.
14.	Construction of Local Officers' Married Quarters, Ma'an	1,380	—		1,380	14. To provide three married quarters.
15.	Additional Stores Accommodation, Zerka	590	—		590	15. For necessary extensions of stores and to provide store for petrol.
16.	Additional accommodation for Officer Commanding, Ma'an ..	193	—		193	16. To provide a kitchen and store.
17.	Reconditioning Miniature Ranges	120	—		120	17. For safety precautions at Zerka and Ma'an.
18.	Electrical Installation and Water Supply, Zerka	4,920	—		4,920	18. For essential extensions and improvements to electrical installation and water supply plant.
19.	Construction of A.F.V. Range, Zerka	480	—		480	19. No suitable range available for training of mechanized companies.
	Total in Trans-Jordan	16,993	—	—	16,993	
	TOTAL—TRANS-JORDAN FRONTIER FORCE EXTRAORDINARY	35,028	—	2,400	32,628	

Appendix " A ".

Compensatory Allowances.

Item 25.		*£P. Mils.*
Company Commander: Major R. S. Y. Buller	... ...	20.513
,, ,, ,, J. W. Smith ...	... ...	20.513
,, ,, ,, Y. R. D. Wigan	... ...	20.513
Senior Veterinary Officer: Capt. H. A. Idenden	... ...	17.949
British Warrant Officer: Mr. R. Paget	... ...	9.835
		£P.89.323 Mils.
Item 51.		
Kaid Abdul Rahman Arekat	...	£P.10.256 Mils.

Appendix " B ".

Cost of Living Allowances.

Item.	*Details.*	*Amount.*
		£P.
1	Commanding Officer	42
3	Second in Command	36
5	Adjutant	30
7	5 Company Officers	150
9	Senior Medical Officer	30
11	Senior Veterinary Officer	30
13	10 Company Officers	300
14	Signalling Officer	30
15	Quartermaster	30
16	Paymaster	30
17	Workshop Officer	30
18 & 22	8 Warrant Officers	96
20	Farrier S/Sergeant	12
26	3 Kaids	72
28	3 Medical Officers	72
29	1 Veterinary Officer	24
50	1 Clerk, Grade I	12
50	2 Clerks, Grade II	18
51	Regimental Records Officer	9
58	Clerk, Grade III	6
		£P.1,059

Appendix " C ".

Provisional M.T. Replacement and Scrapping Programme.

Serial No.	*(a) Type of Vehicle.*	*(b) Establishment, 1933.*	*(c) Date Purchased.*	*(d) Number of New Vehicles to be purchased and Old Vehicles to be scrapped.*								*(e) Remarks.*
				1933–34.		1934–35.		1935–36.		1936–37.		
				New.	*Old.*	*New.*	*Old.*	*New.*	*Old.*	*New.*	*Old.*	
1	*Crossley* Troop Carriers	9	1930	—	—	—	—	4	4	4	4	(i) All Crossleys will thus be replaced except Breakdown Lorry and 1 Reserve Troop Carrier by 1937–38.
2	*Crossley* 3-ton Tenders	9	Aug.—1930 Jan.—1932	—	—	3	3	3	3	2	2	
3	*Crossley* Breakdown Lorry	1	1930	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
4	*Commer* Armed Cars	10	1933	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	(ii) The replacement of Commers will commence in 1937–38, and be completed in two years.
5	*Commer* Tenders (Special)	4	1933	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
6	*Commer* Light Tenders	—	—	1	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	
7	*Commer* Wireless Telegraph Tenders.	2	1933	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	(iii) All Buicks will be replaced by 1937–38 except :— 1 Wireless Telegraph Tender (1932). 1 Ambulance (1930) little used. 1 Tourer for Officer Commanding, Jordan Area.
8	*Commer* Ambulance	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
9	*Wizard* Tourers	2	1933	—	—	4	4	—	—	—	—	
10	*Buick* Tourers	4	1930	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
11	*Buick* Wireless Telegraph Tenders.	3	Feb.—1930 Jan.—1932	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
12	*Buick* Ambulance	1	1930	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
13	*Morris* Light Tender	1	1928	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	
	Total Vehicles	46	—	1	—	7	7	7	7	8	8	
	Approximate Cost.			£P.1,500		£P.3,000		£P.5,500		£P.5,500 = £P.15,500.		
	Estimate allowed for Replacement			£P.1,500								

Reference Secretary of State's Despatch, Trans-Jordan, secret, dated 22nd January, 1932*.

*C.9771 9/32 [No. 3.]: not printed.

17730/33 [No. 5]. No. 27.

COLONIAL OFFICE to TREASURY.

[Answered by No. 28.]

SIR, Downing Street, 15th January, 1934.

With reference to the letter from this Department of the 9th of November, 1933*, I am now directed to transmit to you, to be laid before the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury, the accompanying copy of a despatch† from the High Commissioner for Trans-Jordan, forwarding the detailed draft Estimates for the Trans-Jordan Frontier Force for the financial year 1934–35.

2. The High Commissioner has given full reasons in his despatch for the various items which call for explanation, and it is not considered necessary to supplement them with further comment, except to observe, as regards Item 24 of Head XXIII, that the scheme for the Reserve of Officers is still under consideration and to call attention to what is no doubt an error in the figures for local ranks given under Item 26, which should show 14 Mulazims and a total of 24. In connexion with paragraph 4 of the High Commissioner's despatch your attention is invited to Treasury letter to this Department No. S.28979/01/4 of the 5th of October, 1933‡.

3. It will be seen that the figures given in the letter from this Department under reference remain substantially unchanged, and that the amount of the grant-in-aid requested for the year 1934–35 is the same as that for the current year, viz., £149,000.

4. I am to request that their Lordships will be good enough to accord their approval of the detailed Estimates as now submitted.

5. With reference to the last paragraph of your letter of the 25th of April, 1933 (S.35961/06/33)§, in which you enquire whether the savings which it was anticipated would result from the mechanization of the Camel Company were in fact being realized, I am to enclose two schedules‖ of items in the current year's Estimates which have been affected by the measure of mechanization which has been carried out in 1933. In furnishing these schedules, the High Commissioner observes that there has resulted a saving of £P.4,149 from recurrent expenditure in the present financial year, and an increase of only £P.2,585 in special expenditure. He adds that the effect of the mechanization on the strength of the Force has been a decrease of 57 privates, and an increase of 1 officer, 4 mechanics and 15 drivers.

I am, &c.,
O. G. R. WILLIAMS.

37730/34 [No. 1]. No. 28.

TREASURY to COLONIAL OFFICE.

[Answered by No. 29.]

(S. 35961/06/34.)

SIR, Treasury Chambers, 10th February, 1934.

I have laid before the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury Mr. Williams' letter of the 15th of January, 1934¶, and the accompanying copy of a despatch** from the High Commissioner for Trans-Jordan forwarding the draft Estimates for the Trans-Jordan Frontier Force for the year 1934–35.

2. In reply I am to request you to inform the Secretary of State that My Lords approve the Estimates, as now submitted, at a total of £208,950 made up as follows:—

	£
(1) Recurrent Expenditure	176,322
(2) Capital Works in Palestine	15,635
(3) Capital Works in Trans-Jordan	16,993
	£208,950

* No. 25. † No. 26. ‡ 17714/34 [No. 3]: not printed. § No. 21 in Middle East No. 48.
‖ Enclosures in No. 23 in Middle East No. 48. ¶ No. 27. ** No. 26.

3. My Lords further sanction the provision in the 1934 Estimate for Colonial and Middle Eastern Services of a grant-in-aid of £149,000 towards the cost of the Force. The amount thus provided is based upon the following estimates of expenditure:—

	£
Three-quarters of Recurrent Expenditure (£176,322) ...	132,242
Capital Works services in Trans-Jordan (£16,993 less £240 to be refunded from Air Votes)	16,753
	£148,995

4. As regards the effect on the strength and cost of the Force of the mechanization of the Camel Company authorized by Treasury Letter of the 9th of April, 1932 (S. 33494/2)*, My Lords have taken note of the comparative statements enclosed with the letter under reply. These statements show a net saving in 1933–34, as compared with 1932–33, of £1,564 in those items of expenditure which have been affected by mechanization.

5. The statements do not, however, cover the whole of the period from the time when the Camel Company was mechanized.

My Lords would be glad if They could be furnished with information as to the general financial effect of the mechanization policy since its inception. In this connexion I am to refer to the estimates given in the High Commissioner's despatch of 27th of February, 1932†, a copy of which was enclosed with the Colonial Office letter of 12th of March, 1932‡.

6. As regards the statement that the effect of mechanization on the strength of the Force has been a decrease of 57 privates and an increase of 1 officer, 4 mechanics and 15 drivers, i.e., a net decrease of 37, it appears that the total strength of the Force in 1934–35 will be 928 as compared with 939 in 1931–32 and 950 in 1932–33. The decrease in the total strength of the Force is therefore considerably less than the reduction in numbers attributed, in the letter under reply, to mechanization. My Lords would be glad to be furnished with further information on this subject.

7. My Lords assume that the Estimates would not be materially affected by the proposals, which have recently been under consideration, in regard to the emoluments of officers of the Force.

I am, &c.,
R. V. NIND HOPKINS.

37730/34 [No. 2]. No. 29. PROOF.

COLONIAL OFFICE to TREASURY.

SIR, Downing Street, 8th March, 1934.

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter (S.35961/06/34) of the 10th of February§ in which you convey the approval of the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury of the Estimates for the Trans-Jordan Frontier Force for the year 1934–35 and sanction the provision in the 1934 Estimate for Colonial and Middle Eastern Services of a grant-in-aid of £149,000 towards the cost of the Force.

2. With regard to the effect on the cost of the Force of the mechanization of the Camel Company, to which reference is made in the fourth and fifth paragraphs of your letter, I am to explain that the figures given in the schedules, of which copies were enclosed in the letter from this Department of the 15th of January‖, represent the economy resulting in the first full year (1933–34) as compared with the Estimates for the year 1932–33 based on the pre-mechanization establishment. The savings thus shown (£1,564) compare favourably with those which were anticipated by the High Commissioner in his secret despatch of the 14th July, 1932¶, a copy of which was sent to the Treasury on the 17th of August, 1932**. In the correspondence referred to in paragraph 5 of your letter the original estimate of the total annual saving to the Force was given as £P.3,307. Their Lordships will observe that in the Estimates for the year 1934–35 the ordinary expenditure on the Force shows a decrease of over £8,000 and this would appear to confirm that the economy which was anticipated from the introduction of mechanization is being more than realized.

* C. 97719/32 [No. 14]: not printed. † C. 97719/32 [No. 9]: not printed.
‡ C. 97719/32 [No. 11]: not printed. § No. 28. ‖ No. 27.
¶ C. 97719/32 [No. 18]: not printed. ** C. 97719/32 [No. 19]: not printed.

3. As regards the effect of mechanization on the strength of the Force, to which you refer in the sixth paragraph of your letter, I am to point out that the net decrease of 37 is correct. This decrease does not appear in the total strength of the Force owing to increases of personnel arising from changes unconnected with the mechanization policy. These are:—

(*a*) the provision for 20 recruits at the Depôt in excess of the establishment of the various units of the Force (see enclosure to Colonial Office letter of 27th March, 1933*);

(*b*) the increase of sanitary-men by 6 in view of the construction of married quarters for "other ranks" (see Treasury letter S.35961/06/33 of the 31st of May, 1933†);

(*c*) a net increase of 3 due to minor reorganizations of establishment of local officers, etc.

4. With regard to the last paragraph of your letter, I am to state that their Lordships are correct in assuming that the Estimates will not be materially affected by the forthcoming introduction of the revised regulations of service for British officers.

I am, &c.,

H. F. DOWNIE.

37730/34 [No. 3]. No. 30.

TRANS-JORDAN.

THE SECRETARY OF STATE

to

THE HIGH COMMISSIONER.

(Confidential.)

Downing Street, 8th March, 1934.

SIR,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your secret despatch of the 7th of December, 1933‡, enclosing the detailed draft Estimates for the Trans-Jordan Frontier Force for the financial year 1934-35, and to inform you that I approve the Estimates for the Force. These now form Heads XXI and XXIX of the draft Palestine Estimates for that year.

2. I have the following observations to offer.

Item 24. As you are aware, the draft Ordinance constituting the Reserve of Officers is still under consideration, and until it is brought into force no expenditure under this item should be incurred.

Item 26. There would appear to be an error in the number of Mulazims and in the total of local officers, which should be 14 and 24 respectively. Financial provision appears to have been made for the correct numbers, and these were also correctly shown in the approved Estimates for 1933-34.

Item 51. I suggest that this officer should be shown as "Regimental Records Officer (Mulazim)" as proposed in the fourth paragraph of my confidential despatch of the 5th of May, 1933§.

3. I desire to express my appreciation of the full and clear explanations given in your despatch which have greatly facilitated the consideration of the Estimates.

I have, &c.,

PLYMOUTH

(for the Secretary of State).

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* No. 20 in Middle East No. 48. † 17823/33 [No. 7]: not printed. ‡ No. 26.
§ No. 22 in Middle East No. 48.

3. Trans-Jordan Administration (Grant-in-Aid).

17729/33 [No. 1]. No. 31.

TRANS-JORDAN.

THE SECRETARY OF STATE

to

THE HIGH COMMISSIONER.

(Sent 9 p.m., 19th October, 1933.)

TELEGRAM.

[*Answered by No. 32.*]

No. 106. Treasury require submission of final Estimates for 1934/35 by 1st January at latest, and provisional figures early in November. Please telegraph by 31st October provisional estimated revenue and expenditure of Trans-Jordan Administration for period 1st April, 1934, to 31st March, 1935, and estimated surplus balance as at 31st March, 1934. I shall be glad to receive detailed estimates not later than 15th December, and if possible earlier.

Figures should be prepared on assumption that cost of British Resident and staff will be borne on Imperial Votes. I am telegraphing separately as to this.

While I do not suggest that grant-in-aid for 1934/35 must be less than that for current year by exact amount transferred to Imperial Votes fact that Trans-Jordan Estimates would be relieved of this sum at expense of Exchequer would have to be taken into account. Treasury not yet consulted, but I hope that you will be able to provide for all essential services with considerably smaller grant than for 1933/34.

17729/33 [No. 2]. No. 32.

TRANS-JORDAN.

THE HIGH COMMISSIONER

to

THE SECRETARY OF STATE.

(Received 5.7 p.m., 30th October, 1933.)

TELEGRAM.

30th October. No. 114. Your telegram No. 106*. Provisional Estimates 1934-35 excluding Frontier Force, revenue £265,500, expenditure ordinary £308,970, extraordinary £13,700.

Anticipated balance 31st March, 1934, £4,080, so that to maintain working balance of £4,000 grant-in-aid must be £57,090.

Revenue estimate allows for continued decline in revenue from animal tax but not for any extensive failure of crops. British Resident thinks small reserve of £1,300 must be maintained as basis for relief work or other emergency expenditure. This would bring grant to total of £58,390 which with cost of British Resident and staff would equal grant for current year.

Detailed estimates will be scrutinized with a view to reduction if possible but I consider grant excluding grant for British Resident's staff should provisionally be estimated at £58,400.

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* No. 31.

17729/33 [No. 7].

No. 33.

COLONIAL OFFICE

to

TREASURY.

Downing Street, 14th November, 1933.

SIR,

I am directed by Secretary Sir Philip Cunliffe-Lister to transmit to you, to be laid before the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury, the accompanying copy of telegraphic correspondence* with the High Commissioner for Trans-Jordan regarding the Estimates of the Trans-Jordan Administration for the year 1934/35.

It will be observed that the High Commissioner asks for a grant-in-aid for the Trans-Jordan Administration of the sum of £58,400. This is arrived at as follows:—

Expenditure—	
Ordinary	£308,970
Extraordinary	£13,700
	£322,670
Revenue—	£265,500
Deficit	£57,170
Anticipated balance on 31st March, 1934 ...	£4,080

Therefore to maintain working balance of £4,000 the grant-in-aid should be £57,170 − £80
= £57,090.

But the British Resident recommends that £1,300 should be reserved for relief works, etc., so that the grant-in-aid asked for is therefore £57,090 plus £1,300
= £58,390.
Say £58,400.

Pending the receipt and consideration of the detailed Estimates the sum of £58,400 will be inserted as a provisional figure for the contribution to the Trans-Jordan Administration (grant-in-aid) in the Vote for Colonial and Middle Eastern Services for 1934/35.

With reference to the proposal that the cost of the British Resident and his staff should, as from the year 1934/35 inclusive, be borne upon the Colonial and Middle Eastern Services Vote, I am to invite attention to the letter from this Department of the 10th October† regarding proposed amendments of the Anglo-Trans-Jordan Agreement of 1928.

I am, &c.,

K. W. BLAXTER.

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* Nos. 31 and 32.

† 17716/34 [No. 9]: not printed.

17729/33 [No. 11].

No. 34.

TRANS-JORDAN.

THE HIGH COMMISSIONER

to

THE SECRETARY OF STATE.

(Received 19th December, 1933.)

[*Answered by No. 35.*]

(Confidential.)

Jerusalem, 13th December, 1933.

SIR,

I have the honour to refer to my telegram No. 118 of the 23rd November, 1933*, and connected telegraphic correspondence regarding the draft Estimates of the Trans-Jordan Administration for the financial year 1934-35, and to transmit herewith copies of the draft Estimates as approved by the Trans-Jordan Government, with an explanatory memorandum prepared by the Financial Adviser, and of a letter of the 4th December, 1933, in which the British Resident comments on the Estimates.

2. Before entering into particulars of the draft Estimates, I would observe that the approval of the Trans-Jordan Government is provisional only, in respect of certain of the Items. This, as explained on page 4 of the Financial Adviser's memorandum, is due to the fact that the new Executive Council, which was appointed on the 17th November, has not been able to examine the Estimates, which were drawn up by the retiring Council, in detail. The alterations which will be required as a direct result of the changes in the composition of the Council were summarized in my secret despatch of the 30th November, 1933†. I do not propose to introduce these alterations into the draft Estimates at the present stage: they will be submitted to you in conjunction with any other changes which the new Executive Council may desire to make in the draft enclosed herein.

3. The estimates of Revenue show on the whole a small increase over the approved Estimates for the current financial year. Explanations of the changes are given in the Financial Adviser's memorandum. The notable anticipated increases are £P.3,300 in Import Duty collected in Trans-Jordan, £P.1,100 in Tobacco Excise Duty, and £P.900 in receipts from the new Licences for Trades and Professions. The British Resident considers that the revenue estimates are conservative, but there are so many uncertain and even unknown factors in Trans-Jordan that it would be most unsafe to prophesy that no more than £P.3,000 will need to be remitted from taxation during 1934-35. In your confidential despatch of the 17th November, 1933‡, you drew attention to the importance of making reasonable allowance for the possibility of tax remissions, and I consider that the estimate of revenue should be reduced by £P.1,410, the amount of the surplus (over and above the working balance of £P.4,000) which the British Resident anticipates will be realized if extraordinary measures of relief are not required during the coming financial year.

The estimate of receipts from Income Tax is based on the assumption that the tax will be collected from members of the Trans-Jordan Frontier Force. I take this opportunity of requesting that early consideration may be given to Mr. Hall's confidential despatch of the 6th October, 1933§.

4. Changes in the estimated Expenditure are also commented on in detail in the memorandum by the Financial Adviser. With the exception of the proposed promotions, on which the views of the new Executive Council are awaited, and certain items to which I refer in the following paragraph of this despatch, I consider the estimates of Expenditure are satisfactory and that such changes as have been made from the estimates of the current year are justified, and I concur in the views expressed by the British Resident in paragraphs 4 and 5 of his letter.

5. It will be seen that the British Resident advises that certain amendments should be made to the estimates of Expenditure as passed by the Trans-Jordan Government. These are as follows:—

(*a*) Head I, Civil List, Item 1, His Highness the Amir—to be increased by £P.2,000.

(*b*) Head I, Civil List, new Item—£P.1,000 to be added for the expenses of the proposed journey of His Highness to England in the summer of 1934.

Full reasons for these two recommendations were given in my secret despatch of the 25th November‖.

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* 17745/33 [No. 1]: not printed.
† 17757/33 [No. 2]: not printed.
‡ 17722/33 [No. 41]: not printed.
§ 17785/33 [No. 9]: not printed.
‖ 17745/33 [No. 3]: not printed.

(*c*) Head XX, Audit Department, Item 13, Transport and Travelling—to be increased by £P.197.

Since his appointment as Auditor, Palestine, Mr. Biden has devoted much of his time to improvement of the audit work in Trans-Jordan, and finds it essential that his staff should check the cash-books and records at outstations more frequently. Provision has been made in the draft Estimates for additional staff for the Trans-Jordan Audit Section and I agree that it is essential that the provision for Transport and Travelling should be increased, not decreased.

(*d*) Head XXI, Tribal Control Board, Item 2, Clerk—Provision of £P.216 to be restored to the Estimates.

I shall await the outcome of the representations which the Officer Commanding the Arab Legion is making to the new Executive Council.

(*e*) Head XXV, Police and Prisons Extraordinary, new Item—£P.1,000 to be provided for the purchase of three troop-carrying cars for the Arab Legion.

During the agitation in Amman which followed the disturbances in Palestine at the end of October last, the Officer Commanding the Arab Legion found himself handicapped by the lack of any transport with which to move reserves from the Legion Headquarters to Amman town. Similar difficulty is likely to arise at any time of emergency when it becomes necessary to reinforce the Police at Amman or any other town. The civilian motor drivers have been found to constitute the most disorderly element of the population of Amman, and one of the first movements at a time of disturbance is a complete strike of civilian motor transport. The principal purpose of the cars would therefore be for rapid transport of Police in times of disturbance but they would be of value also for ordinary administration in normal times. Their upkeep and repair would be carried out in conjunction with the maintenance of the cars of the Desert Patrol. Drivers would be provided from among the present strength of the Force. The rapid suppression of any incipient disorder east of the Jordan is of great importance to Palestine as well as to Trans-Jordan, and I consider that the proposed expenditure would be fully justified. A closer estimate of the cost is being prepared, and will be submitted to you in due course.

It is also explained in the Financial Adviser's memorandum that Item 35 of Head VII must be increased by £P.24 to provide the salary of an additional Process Server for the full year instead of from the 1st October, 1934, as estimated.

6. Of the foregoing amendments only the proposed increases of the Amir's Civil List, totalling £P.3,000, are provided for in the revised figures submitted in my telegram No. 118*, leaving a further amount of £P.1,437 to be provided. It will be seen, however, that the British Resident anticipates that negotiations with the Palestine Government will result in an increase of not less than £P.4,000 in the shares paid to Trans-Jordan from Palestine receipts from Customs and from Currency profits. The negotiations are not so far advanced that I can agree that an increase of £P.4,000 is likely, but I have no doubt that the revised share of Trans-Jordan in these two Items will cover the £P.1,437 required. The approval of the items of which particulars are given in the preceding paragraph will not, therefore, entail any increase in the figure for the grant-in-aid reported in my telegram No. 118. If the anticipations of the British Resident regarding the additional receipts from Customs and Palestine Currency profits should be realized, I strongly support his view that the Departments of Health, Education, Agriculture and Public Works which have been starved throughout their existence should receive some support; though I hasten to add that any money which may be available should be spent on selected projects of a non-recurrent nature, rather than on increasing the recurrent commitments of Government.

Owing to three successive bad seasons and the natural poverty of the fellahin I am most anxious if any money is available to give further assistance in the form of non-recurrent grants to horticulture and school gardens which are now beginning to develop most satisfactorily.

7. For the reasons given in paragraph 2 of this despatch the enclosed draft Estimates cannot be regarded as the final recommendations of the Trans-Jordan Government. The number of reserved items is, however, small and any further changes that may be made will not affect the grant-in-aid, and I shall therefore be glad if, with these exceptions, and subject to the amendments discussed in paragraphs 3, 5 and 6 of this despatch, they may be approved.

* 17745/33 [No. 1]: not printed.

8. The grant-in-aid asked for by the Trans-Jordan Government is £P.58,390, which represents a reduction of the amount of the grant for the current year by the cost of the British Resident's Office, which it is proposed to meet from Imperial funds. The estimates were, however, framed before the necessity came to light for the increase of £P.3,000 in the Amir's Civil List regarding which I addressed you recently.

I therefore request that, as provisionally estimated in my telegram No. 118, the grant for the financial year 1934–35 may be fixed as £P.61,400.

I have, &c.,

ARTHUR WAUCHOPE,

High Commissioner for Trans-Jordan.

Enclosure 1 *in No.* 34

TRANS-JORDAN ESTIMATES 1934–1935

SUMMARY SHOWING THE ESTIMATED SURPLUS AT 31ST MARCH, 1935 :—

	£P.	£P.	£P.
Surplus at 31st March, 1933			19,405
Actual Revenue from 1st April, 1933, to 30th September, 1933 :—			
Local	127,841		
Grant-in-Aid of Trans-Jordan Government	19,500		
Grant-in-Aid of Trans-Jordan Frontier Force	5,958		
		153,299	
Estimated further Revenue from 1st October, 1933, to 31st March, 1934 :—			
Local	116,384		
Grant-in-Aid of Trans-Jordan Government	45,500		
Grant-in-Aid of Trans-Jordan Frontier Force	27,837		
		189,721	
			343,020
Total Revenue for 1933–34, including surplus balance brought forward from 1932–33			362,425
Actual Expenditure from 1st April, 1933, to 30th September, 1933 :—			
Ordinary	148,388		
Extraordinary	2,275		
		150,663	
Estimated further Expenditure from 1st October, 1933, to 31st March, 1934 :—			
Ordinary	188,619		
Extraordinary	19,063		
		207,682	
			358,345
Estimated Surplus at 31st March, 1934			4,080
Estimated Revenue for 1934–35 :—			
Local		266,300	
Grant-in-Aid of Trans-Jordan Government		58,390	
Grant-in-Aid of Trans-Jordan Frontier Force		34,825	
			359,515
Total Revenue for 1934–35, including estimated surplus balance at 31st March, 1934			363,595
Estimated Expenditure for 1934–35 :—			
Ordinary		339,047	
Extraordinary		19,138	
			358,185
Estimated Surplus balance at 31st March, 1935			5,410

TRANS-JORDAN GOVERNMENT ESTIMATES 1934–1935

ABSTRACT SHOWING THE ACTUAL REVENUE FOR 1932–1933 AND THE ESTIMATED REVENUE FOR 1933–1934 AND 1934–1935 :—

	Head of Revenue.	*Actuals,* 1932–33.	*Approved Estimates,* 1933–34.	*Forecast of Revenue,* 1933–34.	*Estimates,* 1934–35.
		£P.	£P.	£P.	£P.
1.	Customs and Excise	82,397	70,800	79,000	75,000
2.	Licences and Taxes, etc.	117,159	135,050	110,825	133,400
3.	Fees of Court or Office	29,804	31,150	30,300	31,000
4.	Posts, Telegraphs and Telephones	14,416	13,000	11,870	13,000
5.	Revenue from Government Property	3,495	3,450	2,950	4,000
6.	Interest	863	800	730	600
7.	Miscellaneous Receipts	4,794	7,550	7,550	8,300
8.	Sale of State Domains	821	1,000	1,000	1,000
	TOTAL LOCAL REVENUE	253,749	262,800	244,225	266,300
9.	Grant-in-Aid of Trans-Jordan Government	72,000	65,000	65,000	58,390
10.	Grant-in-Aid of Trans-Jordan Frontier Force	29,139	33,795	33,795	34,825
	TOTAL REVENUE	354,888	361,595	343,020	359,515

TRANS-JORDAN ESTIMATES FOR THE YEAR 1934–1935

REVENUE.

Head and Sub-Head of Revenue.	*Approved Estimates* 1933–34. £P.	*Estimates* 1934–35. £P.	*Increase.* £P.	*Decrease.* £P.	*Remarks.*
HEAD I.—CUSTOMS AND EXCISE.					
1. Customs Share, Syria	1,500	1,000	—	500	
2. Customs Share, Palestine	33,000	33,000	—	—	
3. Import Duty collected locally	22,600	25,900	3,300	—	
4. Excise Duty on Intoxicating Liquor	850	950	100	—	
5. Excise Duty on Tobacco	9,000	10,100	1,100	—	
6. Examination Fees	2,150	2,150	—	—	
7. Miscellaneous	500	500	—	—	
8. Banderolle Fees on Matches	500	700	200	—	
9. Duty on Cigarette Paper	700	700	—	—	
TOTAL CUSTOMS AND EXCISE	70,800	75,000	4,700	500	NET INCREASE, £P.4,200.
HEAD II.—LICENCES, TAXES, ETC.					
1. Licences, Advocates	100	120	20	—	
2. Licences, Doctors	50	60	10	—	
3. Licences, Road Transport	1,300	1,150	—	150	
4. Licences, Forest and Quarry	450	450	—	—	
5. Licences, Sale of Intoxicating Liquor	300	370	70	—	
6. Licences, Sale of Tobacco	550	550	—	—	
7. Licences, Other	50	40	—	10	
8. Animal Tax	32,500	29,500	—	3,000	
9. House and Land Tax	17,500	16,500	—	1,000	
10. Temettu Tax	300	—	—	300	
11. Road Tax	5,930	5,300	—	630	
12. Tithes	39,900	35,700	—	4,200	
13. Revenue Stamp Duty	3,600	3,600	—	—	
14. Hijaz Stamp Duty	2,800	2,800	—	—	
15. Fines and Forfeitures	2,800	2,500	—	300	
16. Allenby Bridge Tolls	3,500	3,500	—	—	
17. Consolidated Tax	14,320	4,320	—	10,000	
18. Licences, Trades and Professions	3,300	4,200	900	—	
19. Income Tax	5,500	5,500	—	—	
20. Land Tax (Maan–Kerak–Tafila)	—	17,000	17,000	—	
21. Ma'een Baths	300	240	—	60	
TOTAL LICENCES, TAXES, ETC.	135,050	133,400	18,000	19,650	NET DECREASE, £P.1,650.

	£P.	£P.	£P.	£P.	
HEAD III.—FEES OF COURT OR OFFICE, ETC.					
1. Court Fees, Civil	6,000	5,500	—	500	
2. Court Fees, Sharia	2,400	2,900	500	—	
3. Court Fees, Tribal	150	100	—	50	
4. Fees, Notary Public	1,250	1,000	—	250	
5. Land Registry Fees	4,000	4,500	500	—	
6. Passport Fees	650	800	150	—	
7. Nationality Certificates	400	200	—	200	
8. Tourist Fees	600	650	50	—	
9. Medical Services and Hospital Receipts	750	700	—	50	
10. Veterinary and Animal Quarantine	1,500	1,400	—	100	
11. Education and Arts and Crafts Receipts	1,050	800	—	250	
12. Sale of Publications and Maps	250	250	—	—	
13. Sale of Departmental Stores	600	650	50	—	
14. Pension Contributions	11,000	11,000	—	—	
15. Miscellaneous Reinbursements	230	300	50	—	
16. Registration of Trade Marks	300	250	—	50	
TOTAL FEES OF COURT OR OFFICE	31,130	31,000	1,300	1,450	NET DECREASE, £P.150
HEAD IV.—POSTS, TELEGRAPHS, AND TELEPHONES.					
1. Sale of Stamps	3,000	3,000	—	—	
2. Commission on Money Orders and Poundage or Postal Orders.	200	230	30	—	
3. Telephone Rentals and Installation Fees	2,500	2,500	—	—	
4. Telephone Trunk Calls	3,800	4,000	200	—	
5. Telegrams	1,360	1,100	—	260	
6. Parcel Post	500	500	—	—	
7. Post Office Box Rentals	70	70	—	—	
8. Transit Charges	1,500	1,500	—	—	
9. Miscellaneous Receipts	70	100	30	—	
TOTAL POSTS, TELEGRAPHS, AND TELEPHONES	13,000	13,000	260	260	
HEAD V.—REVENUE FROM GOVERNMENT PROPERTY.					
1. Rent of Land and Buildings	450	450	—	—	
2. Rental Tithe	1,000	1,800	800	—	
3. Forest and Other Domain Revenues	2,000	1,750	—	250	
TOTAL REVENUE FROM GOVERNMENT PROPERTY	3,450	4,000	800	250	NET INCREASE, £P.550

Head and Sub-Head of Revenue.	*Approved Estimates, 1933–34.* £P.	*Estimates, 1934–35.* £P.	*Increase.* £P.	*Decrease.* £P.	*Remarks.*
HEAD VI.—INTEREST.					
1. Bank Balances	50	50	—	—	
2. Earthquake Relief Loans	200	150	—	50	
3. Interest on Advance to Agricultural Bank	300	300	—	—	
4. Interest on Deposits with the Joint Colonial Fund	150	100	—	50	
5. Interest on Agricultural Loans	100	—	—	100	
TOTAL INTEREST	800	600	—	200	NET DECREASE £P.200.
HEAD VII.—MISCELLANEOUS RECEIPTS.					
1. Sundry	650	650	—	—	
2. Share of Profits, Palestine Currency	3,500	4,000	500	—	
3. Dead Sea Concession	2,900	3,150	250	—	
4. The Anglo-Persian Oil Company	500	500	—	—	
TOTAL MISCELLANEOUS RECEIPTS	7,550	8,300	750	—	NET INCREASE £P.750.
HEAD VIII.—SALE OF STATE DOMAINS	1,000	1,000	—	—	
HEAD IX.—GRANT-IN-AID OF TRANS-JORDAN GOVERNMENT	65,000	58,390	—	6,610	NET DECREASE £P.6,610.
HEAD X.—GRANT-IN-AID OF TRANS-JORDAN FRONTIER FORCE	33,795	34,825	1,030	—	NET INCREASE £P.1,030.

TRANS-JORDAN GOVERNMENT ESTIMATES, 1934–1935

ABSTRACT SHOWING THE ACTUAL EXPENDITURE FOR 1932–1933 AND THE ESTIMATED EXPENDITURE FOR 1933–1934 AND 1934–1935

	Head of Expenditure.	*Actuals 1932–33.* £P.	*Approved Estimates 1933–34.* £P.	*Forecast of Expenditure 1933–34.* £P.	*Estimates. 1934–35.* £P.
1.	Civil List	14,481	14,565	14,490	14,617
2.	Public Debt and Loan Charges	590	591	591	591
3.	Legislature	3,871	3,872	3,832	3,912
4.	Pensions and Gratuities	5,430	6,000	6,400	6,300
5.	Chief Minister and Interior	3,745	3,888	4,050	3,912
6.	District Administration	6,913	10,310	10,200	10,348
7.	Ministry of Justice	15,676	16,641	16,400	17,331
8.	Sharia Courts	3,726	3,926	3,900	3,962
9.	Ministry of Finance	14,696	11,885	11,585	11,261
10.	Customs and Excise	7,409	8,026	7,650	8,134
11.	Public Health Department	11,960	12,392	12,100	12,664
11.	A-Ma'an Quarantine	—	95	—	—
12.	Education Department	22,368	23,974	22,710	24,401
13.	Agriculture, Forests and Veterinary	5,479	7,543	7,050	7,589
14.	Antiquities Department	2,630	2,736	2,670	2,744
15.	Public Works Department	4,487	4,613	4,600	4,628
15.	A.—Public Works Recurrent	16,868	18,000	17,900	18,450
16.	Posts and Telegraphs Department	12,887	13,634	13,150	14,483
17.	Lands Department	13,400	14,744	13,930	15,844
18.	Police and Prisons Department—				
	A.—Police	98,124	102,430	100,810	102,205
	B.—Prisons	12,401	13,278	12,800	13,154
19.	Miscellaneous	8,561	8,769	8,364	8,973
20.	Audit Department	3,295	3,510	3,410	3,407
21.	Tribal Control Board	968	1,216	1,100	950
—.	British Resident	6,472	6,619	6,600	—
	TOTAL ORDINARY EXPENDITURE TRANS-JORDAN GOVERNMENT	296,457	313,257	306,292	309,660
22.	Trans-Jordan Frontier Force (One-sixth Ordinary Expenditure)	28,284	30,715	30,715	29,387
	TOTAL ORDINARY EXPENDITURE	324,741	343,972	337,007	339,047

	Head of Expenditure.	*Actuals* 1932–33. £P.	*Approved Estimates* 1933–34. £P.	*Forecast of Expenditure* 1933–34. £P.	*Estimates* 1934–35. £P.
23.	Public Works Extraordinary	11,241	7,606	9,000	8,530
24.	Posts and Telegraphs Extraordinary	867	2,840	2,140	3,000
25.	Police and Prisons Extraordinary	2,198	2,680	3,170	1,870
26.	Agriculture, Forests and Veterinary Extraordinary	981	—	650	300
—.	Printing of Collection of Laws in Arabic	—	400	400	—
—.	Ministry of Finance Extraordinary	—	—	500	—
—.	Public Health Extraordinary	—	275	275	—
—.	Boundary Commission	—	965	965	—
—.	Write-off of Public Moneys	—	1,158	1,158	—
	TOTAL EXTRAORDINARY EXPENDITURE TRANS-JORDAN GOVERNMENT	15,287	15,924	18,258	13,700
27.	Trans-Jordan Frontier Force (One-sixth of the Extraordinary Expenditure)	855	3,080	3,080	5,438
	TOTAL EXTRAORDINARY EXPENDITURE	16,142	19,004	21,338	19,138
	TOTAL EXPENDITURE	340,883	362,976	358,345	358,185

TRANS-JORDAN ESTIMATES FOR THE YEAR 1934–35

EXPENDITURE

	Head and Sub-Head of Expenditure.	*Approved Estimates,* 1933–34. £P.	*Estimates,* 1934–35. £P.	*Increase.* £P.	*Decrease.* £P.	*Remarks.*
	HEAD I.—CIVIL LIST.					
	A—Personal Emoluments.					
1.	His Highness the Amir—					
	(*a*) His Highness's Personal Allotment	12,000	12,000	—	—	
	(*b*) His Highness the Amir Talal	820	820	—	—	
2.	Personal Adviser £P.38—2—46	528	552	24	—	2. Annual Increment.
3.	Secretary £P.32—1—37	444	393	—	51	3. Change in holder of Post.
4.	Doctor £P.26—1—31	324	336	12	—	4. Annual Increment.
5.	Clerk and Imam £P. 9—½—12	144	72	—	72	5. *Vide* item 6.
6.	Clerk and Imam £P.13—½—16	—	78	78	—	6. Promotion from item 5 on 1st October, 1934.
7.	Clerk £P. 6—½— 8	75	81	6	—	7. Annual Increment.
8.	Driver £P.15	180	180	—	—	
9.	Compensatory Allowances	14	4	—	10	
10.	Orderly	36	36	—	—	
	TOTAL PERSONAL EMOLUMENTS	14,565	14,552	120	133	
	B—Other Charges.					
11.	Transport and Travelling	—	50	50	—	11. *Vide* Memorandum.
12.	Lighting and Heating	—	10	10	—	12. *Vide* Memorandum.
13.	Contingencies	—	5	5	—	13. *Vide* Memorandum.
	TOTAL OTHER CHARGES	—	65	65	—	
	TOTAL CIVIL LIST	14,565	14,617	185	133	NET INCREASE, £P.52.
	HEAD II.—PUBLIC DEBT AND LOAN CHARGES.					
1.	Interest on Advances from His Majesty's Government	591	591	—	—	
	TOTAL PUBLIC DEBT AND LOAN CHARGES	591	591	—	—	

Head and Sub-Head of Expenditure.	*Approved Estimates, 1933-34.* £P.	*Estimates, 1934-35.* £P.	*Increase.* £P.	*Decrease.* £P.	*Remarks.*
HEAD III.—LEGISLATURE.					
A.—Personal Emoluments.					
1. 16 Members .. @ £P.200 per annum ..	3,200	3,200	—	—	
2. Secretary .. @ £P.21—1—25 per mensem	300	300	—	—	
3. Clerk .. .. @ £P. 9—½—12 per mensem	144	144	—	—	
4. Orderly .. .. (Six months)	18	18	—	—	
TOTAL PERSONAL EMOLUMENTS	3,662	3,662	—	—	
B.—Other Charges.					
5. Transport and Travelling	180	220	40	—	5. Present provision is insufficient.
6. Lighting and Heating	10	10	—	—	
7. Contingencies	10	10	—	—	
8. Postage, Telegrams, and Telephones	10	10	—	—	
TOTAL OTHER CHARGES	210	250	40	—	
TOTAL LEGISLATURE	3,872	3,912	40	—	NET INCREASE, £P.40.
HEAD IV.—PENSIONS AND GRATUITIES.					
1. Pensions	4,500	4,500	—	—	
2. Gratuities	1,500	1,800	300	—	2. To meet anticipated commitments.
TOTAL PENSIONS AND GRATUITIES	6,000	6,300	300	—	NET INCREASE, £P.300.
HEAD V.—CHIEF MINISTER AND INTERIOR.					
A.—Personal Emoluments.					
1. His Excellency the Chief Minister	1,200	1,200	—	—	
2. Chief Secretary .. .. .. £P.48—2—58	672	696	24	—	2. Annual Increment.
3. Assistant Chief Secretary .. £P.21—1—25	300	150	—	150	3. *Vide* item 4.
4. Assistant Chief Secretary .. £P.26—1—31	—	156	156	—	4. Promotion from item 3 on 1st October, 1934.
5. Clerk .. .. £P.17—½—20	216	222	6	—	5. Annual Increment.
6. Clerk .. .. £P.13—½—16	168	174	6	—	6. Annual Increment.
7. 2 Clerks .. .. £P. 9—½—12	288	288	—	—	
8. Clerk .. .. £P. 6—½— 8	76	96	20	—	8. Change in holder of post.
9. Compensatory Allowances	8	10	2	—	9. *Vide* item 8.
10. Orderlies	120	120	—	—	
TOTAL PERSONAL EMOLUMENTS	3,048	3,112	214	150	
B.—Other Charges.					
11. Transport and Travelling	440	420	—	20	
12. Lighting and Heating	15	15	—	—	
13. Contingencies	5	5	—	—	
14. Postage, Telegrams, and Telephones	140	120	—	20	
15. Secret Services	240	240	—	—	
TOTAL OTHER CHARGES	840	800	—	40	
TOTAL CHIEF MINISTER AND INTERIOR ..	3,888	3,912	214	190	NET INCREASE, £P.24.
HEAD VI.—DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION.					
A.—Personal Emoluments.					
1. 4 Mutassarifs .. .. .. £P.32—1—37	1,692	1,740	48	—	1. Annual Increments.
2. 5 Kaimmakama .. .. .. £P.21—1—25	1,176	1,147	—	29	2. Change in holder of post.
3. 4 Mudir Nahyias .. .. £P.13—½—16	687	682	—	5	3. Change in holder of post.
4. 8 Clerks .. .. £P. 9—½—12	1,130	1,134	4	—	4. One Increment.
5. 5 Clerks .. .. £P. 6—½— 8	436	437	1	—	5. Increments—less change in one post.
6. 34 Tax-Collectors .. .. £P. 7	2,856	2,856	—	—	
7. Compensatory Allowances	49	43	—	6	7. *Vide* item 2.
8. Orderlies	384	384	—	—	
TOTAL PERSONAL EMOLUMENTS	8,410	8,423	53	40	
B.—Other Charges.					
9. Transport and Travelling	1,380	1,450	70	—	9. *Vide* Memorandum.
10. Lighting and Heating	65	65	—	—	
11. Contingencies	25	40	15	—	11. Present provision is insufficient.
12. Postage, Telegrams and Telephones	430	370	—	60	
TOTAL OTHER CHARGES	1,900	1,925	85	60	
TOTAL DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION	10,310	10,348	138	100	NET INCREASE, £P.38.

	Head and Sub-Head of Expenditure.		Approved Estimates. 1933-34.	Estimates. 1934-35.	Increase.	Decrease.	Remarks.
			£P.	£P.	£P.	£P.	
HEAD VII.	MINISTRY OF JUSTICE.						
	A.—Personal Emoluments.						
1.	Minister of Justice	£P.48—2—58	627	651	24	—	1. Annual Increment.
2.	Judicial Adviser	.. Special	1,342	1,342	—	—	
3.	Superintendent	£P.21—1—25	300	150	—	150	3. *Vide* item 4.
4.	Superintendent	£P.26—1—31	—	156	156	—	4. Promotion from item 3 on 1st October, 1934.
5.	2 Clerks	£P.13—½—16	375	384	9	—	5. Increment and adjustment of salary.
6.	Clerk	£P. 9—½—12	112	118	6	—	6. Increment.
7.	Compensatory Allowance ..	.. ..	5	5	—	—	
8.	Orderlies	.. ..	72	72	—	—	
	Court of Appeal.						
9.	President	£P.48—2—58	627	651	24	—	9. Increment.
10.	2 Members	£P.32—1—37	864	216	—	648	10. *Vide* item 11.
11.	2 Members	£P.38—2—46	—	954	954	—	11. *Vide* Memorandum.
12.	1 Member	£P.26—1—31	324	336	12	—	12. Increment.
13.	Chief Clerk	£P.13—½—16	192	192	—	—	
14.	Clerk	£P. 9—½—12	130	136	6	—	14. Increment.
15.	Clerk	£P. 6—½— 8	96	96	—	—	
16.	Compensatory Allowance ..	.. ..	8	8	—	—	
17.	Process Server	.. ..	48	48	—	—	
18.	Orderlies	.. ..	36	48	12	—	18. Includes provision for a second orderly £P.2 p.m. as from 1st October, 1934.
19.	Attorney General	£P.38—2—46	507	531	24	—	19. Increment.
20.	Clerk	£P. 9—½—12	130	136	6	—	20. Increment.
21.	Clerk	£P. 6—½— 8	72	78	6	—	21. Increment.
	District Courts.						
22.	President	£P.31—1—37	444	444	—	—	—
23.	2 Presidents	£P.21—1—25	592	556	—	36	23. Increment and reduction of the provision of one post (now vacant) to the minimum of the grade.
24.	2 Members	£P.21—1—25	576	600	24	—	24. Increment.
25.	2 Members	£P.17—½—20	466	—	—	466	25. *Vide* item 26.
26.	3 Members	£P.17—½—20	—	574	574	—	26. From item 25, includes new post from 1st October, 1934.

27.	4 Public Prosecutors	£P.17—½—20	877	860	—	17	27. Increments and change in holder of post.
28.	1 Execution Officer	£P.13—½—16	162	168	6	—	28. Increment.
29.	3 Chief Clerks	£P.13—½—16	493	535	42	—	29. Increment and change in holder of one post.
30.	3 Clerks	£P. 9—½—12	396	408	12	—	30. Two increments.
31.	7 Clerks	£P. 6—½— 8	670	—	—	670	31. *Vide* item 32.
32.	8 Clerks	£P. 6—½— 8	—	708	708	—	32. Changes in holders of posts, increments and one new post from 1st October, 1934.
33.	5 Clerks to Public Prosecutors and Execution Officer	£P. 6—½— 8	458	433	—	25	33. Changes in holders of posts.
34.	Compensatory Allowance ..	.. ..	37	37	—	—	
35.	11 Process Servers	.. ..	480	504	24	—	35. Includes one new post as from 1st October, 1934.
36.	Orderlies	.. ..	84	96	12	—	36. Includes provision for a new orderly at £P.2 *per mensem* as from 1st October, 1934.
	Magistrates' Courts.						
37.	2 Magistrates	£P.21—1—25	520	547	27	—	37. Increments and adjustment of salary.
38.	3 Magistrates	£P.17—½—20	707	—	—	707	38. *Vide* item 39.
39.	4 Magistrates	£P.17—½—20	—	819	819	—	39. Includes provision for new post as from 1st October, 1934.
40.	7 Clerks	£P. 9—½—12	959	977	18	—	40. Increments and change in holders of posts.
41.	2 Clerks	£P. 6—½— 8	188	192	4	—	41. Increment.
42.	Compensatory Allowance ..	.. ..	16	16	—	—	
43.	11 Process Servers	.. ..	528	528	—	—	
44.	Orderly	.. ..	24	24	—	—	
45.	Notary Public	£P.13—½—16	162	168	6	—	45. Increment.
	TOTAL PERSONAL EMOLUMENTS C.F. ..	..	14,706	15,502	3,515	2,719	
	B.—Other Charges.						
46.	Transport and Travelling ..	.. ..	900	794	—	106	
47.	Lighting and Heating	.. ..	70	70	—	—	
48.	Contingencies	.. ..	35	35	—	—	
49.	Postage, Telegrams and Telephones ..	.. ..	260	260	—	—	
50.	Clothing for Process-Servers ..	.. ..	70	70	—	—	
51.	Medico-Legal Expenses	.. ..	450	450	—	—	
52.	Tribal Court Expenses	.. ..	100	100	—	—	
53.	Purchase of Books	.. ..	50	50	—	—	
	TOTAL OTHER CHARGES	..	1,935	1,829	—	106	
	TOTAL MINISTRY OF JUSTICE	..	16,641	17,331	3,515	2,825	NET INCREASE, £P.690.

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	Head and Sub-Head of Expenditure.		Approved Estimates 1933–34. £P.	Estimates 1934–35. £P.	Increase. £P.	Decrease. £P.	Remarks.
HEAD VIII.—SHARIA COURTS.							
	A. Personal Emoluments.						
1.	Kadi el Kuda		—	—	—	—	
2.	Clerk	£P.13—½—16	192	192	—	—	
3.	Kudir Aytam	£P.13—½—16	156	165	9	—	3. Proper incremental stage.
4.	Clerk	£P. 6—½— 8	96	96	—	—	
5.	Orderly		36	36	—	—	
	Courts.						
6.	2 Kadis	£P.21—1—25	600	600	—	—	
7.	5 Kadis	£P.17—½—20	1,158	1,167	9	—	7. Annual Increments.
8.	7 Clerks	£P. 9—½—12	945	957	12	—	8. Annual Increments.
9.	7 Process Servers		336	336	—	—	
10.	Mufti Amman	£P. 6—½— 8	96	96	—	—	
11.	Mufti Irbid	£P. 6—½— 8	82	88	6	—	11. Annual Increment.
12.	Compensatory Allowance		47	47	—	—	
	TOTAL PERSONAL EMOLUMENTS		3,744	3,780	36	—	
	B. Other Charges.						
13.	Transport and Travelling		130	130	—	—	
14.	Lighting and Heating		20	20	—	—	
15.	Contingencies		7	7	—	—	
16.	Postage, Telegrams, and Telephones		25	25	—	—	
	TOTAL OTHER CHARGES		182	182	—	—	
	TOTAL SHARIA COURTS		3,926	3,962	36	—	NET INCREASE, £P.36.

HEAD IX.—MINISTRY OF FINANCE.							
	A.—Personal Emoluments.						
1.	Treasurer	£P.48—2—58	627	651	24	—	1. Annual Increment.
2.	Financial Adviser	Special	990	990	—	—	
3.	2 Assistant Treasurers	£P.26—1—31	705	729	24	—	3. Two Increments.
4.	Controller of Stores	£P.21—1—25	300	300	—	—	
5.	2 Treasury Accountants	£P.21—1—25	576	600	24	—	5. Two Increments.
6.	Chief Clerk	£P.17—½—20	209	215	6	—	6. Annual Increment.
7.	4 Sub-Accountants	£P.17—½—20	856	859	3	—	7. Three Increments. Provision for vacant post reduced to the minimum of the grade.
8.	4 Sub-Accountants	£P.13—½—16	706	—	—	706	8. *Vide* item 9.
9.	5 Sub-Accountants	£P.13—½—16	—	910	910	—	9. 4 from item 8 and 1 from item 10.
10.	2 Treasury Officers	£P.13—½—16	376	—	—	376	10. *Vide* item 9 and 11.
11.	Assistant Sub-Accountant	£P.13—½—16	—	190	190	—	11. From item 10.
12.	12 Clerks	£P. 9—½—12	1,621	—	—	1,621	12. *Vide* item 13.
13.	14 Clerks	£P. 9—½—12	—	1,766	1,766	—	13. From item 12 and two promotions from item 14 as from 1–10–1934.
14.	12 Clerks	£P. 6—½— 8	1,108	—	—	1,108	14. *Vide* items 13 and 15.
15.	10 Clerks	£P. 6—½— 8	—	1,032	1,032	—	15. From item 14 (including 6 months' provision of the two posts promoted under item 13).
16.	Tax-Collector for Ma'een Baths at £P.7 for 3 months only.		21	21	—	—	
17.	Orderlies		360	360	—	—	
18.	Compensatory Allowance		70	70	—	—	
	TOTAL PERSONAL EMOLUMENTS		8,525	8,693	3,979	3,811	
	B.—Other Charges.						
19.	Transport and Travelling		550	550	—	—	
20.	Lighting and Heating		70	70	—	—	
21.	Contingencies		40	38	—	2	
22.	Postages, Telegrams and Telephones		500	400	—	100	
23.	Expenses of Tithe Estimation		850	60	—	790	
24.	Expenses of Animal Enumeration		1,300	1,400	100	—	
25.	Allowance to Registrar of Trade Marks		50	50	—	—	
	TOTAL OTHER CHARGES		3,360	2,568	100	892	
	TOTAL MINISTRY OF FINANCE		11,885	11,261	4,079	4,703	NET DECREASE £P.624.

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	Head and Sub-Head of Expenditure.		Approved Estimates, 1933–34.	Estimates, 1934–35.	Increase.	Decrease.	Remarks.
			£P.	£P.	£P.	£P.	
	Head X.—Customs and Excise.						
	A.—Personal Emoluments.						
1.	Director		1,000	1,000	—	—	
2.	Inspector	£P.21—1—25	300	150	—	150	2. *Vide* item 3.
3.	Inspector	£P.26—1—31	—	156	156	—	3. Promotion from item 2 on 1st October, 1934.
4.	Controller of Statistics	£P.17—½—20	222	228	6	—	4. Annual increment.
5.	Customs and Excise Officer	£P.17—½—20	240	240	—	—	
6.	Chief Clerk	£P.13—½—16	174	180	6	—	6. Annual increment.
7.	5 Customs and Excise Officers	£P.13—½—16	900	922	22	—	7. Annual increments.
8.	12 Customs and Excise Officers	£P. 9—½—12	1,476	1,587	111	—	8. Annual increments and adjustment of salaries.
9.	7 Customs and Excise Officers	£P. 6—½— 8	636	640	4	—	9. Annual increments and change in holders of posts.
10.	Compensatory Allowance		40	40	—	—	
11.	3 Head Guards at £P.6 *per mensem* each from 1.10.1934		—	108	106	—	11. *Vide* Memorandum.
12.	19 Guards at £P.5 *per mensem* each		1,080	1,140	60	—	12. Two of these posts were approved as from 1st October, 1933.
13.	Apprentice		42	42	—	—	
14.	Porters		285	285	—	—	
15.	Orderlies and Watchmen		156	156	—	—	
	Total Personal Emoluments		6,551	6,874	473	150	
	B.—Other Charges.						
16.	Transport and Travelling		650	650	—	—	
17.	Lighting and Heating		35	35	—	—	
18.	Contingencies		50	50	—	—	
19.	Postage, Telegrams and Telephones		100	100	—	—	
20.	Clothing for Guards		90	90	—	—	
21.	Rewards and Gratuities		200	200	—	—	
22.	Banderolles		350	135	—	215	
	Total Other Charges		1,475	1,260	—	215	
	Total Customs and Excise Dept.		8,026	8,134	473	365	Net Increase £P.108.

	Head and Sub-Head of Expenditure.		Approved Estimates, 1933–34.	Estimates, 1934–35.	Increase.	Decrease.	Remarks.
			£P.	£P.	£P.	£P.	
	Head XI.—Public Health Department.						
	A.—Personal Emoluments.						
1.	Director	Special	750	750	—	—	
2.	Chief Clerk	£P.17—½—20	222	228	6	—	2. Annual Increment.
3.	Clerk	£P.13—½—16	174	180	6	—	3. Annual Increment.
4.	Clerk	£P. 9—½—12	144	144	—	—	
5.	Storekeeper	£P. 6—½— 8	36	72	36	—	5. Provision in 1933–34 for 6 months only.
6.	Ambulance Driver @ £P.8 *per mensem*		96	96	—	—	
7.	Orderly		36	36	—	—	
	Government Hospital, Amman.						
8.	Medical Officer	£P.26—1—31	372	372	—	—	
9.	Dispenser	£P.21—1—25	264	276	12	—	9. Annual Increment.
10.	Matron	£P. 9—½—12	132	139	7	—	10. Increment and adjustment of salary.
11.	Nurse	£P. 6—½— 8	96	96	—	—	
12.	3 Attendants @ £P.5 *per mensem*		180	180	—	—	
13.	Wardmaid @ £P.4 *per mensem*		48	48	—	—	
14.	Cook, Washerwoman and Orderly		126	126	—	—	
	Government Hospital, Irbid.						
15.	Nurse	£P. 6—½— 8	42	84	42	—	15. Provision in 1933–34.
16.	Attendant @ £P.5 *per mensem*		30	60	30	—	16. Provision in 1933–34.
17.	Assistant Dispenser @ £P.5 *per mensem*		30	60	30	—	17. For 6 months only.
18.	Cook, Washerwoman and Servant		54	108	54	—	18. For 6 months only.
	Government Laboratory, Amman.						
19.	Bacteriologist	£P.32—1—37	444	444	—	—	
20.	Assistant Bacteriologist	£P. 9—½—12	144	144	—	—	
	Districts.						
21.	Medical Officer	£P.32—1—37	437	444	7	—	21. Annual Increment.
22.	9 Medical Officers	£P.26—1—31	3,224	3,260	36	—	22. Increments.
23.	3 Anti-Malarial Inspectors	£P. 9—½—12	366	383	17	—	23. Increments and adjustment of salary.
24.	Anti-Malarial Inspector	£P. 6—½— 8	96	96	—	—	
25.	Clerk to Medical Officer, Amman	£P. 6—½— 8	96	96	—	—	
26.	Infant Welfare Nurse	£P. 9—½—12	129	112	—	17	26. Change in holder of post.
27.	Public Health Orderly	£P. 9—½—12	123	129	6	—	27. Annual Increment.
28.	2 Public Health Orderlies @ £P.7 *per mensem*		168	168	—	—	
29.	4 Public Health Orderlies @ £P.6 *per mensem*		288	288	—	—	
30.	5 Attendants @ £P.6 *per mensem*		360	360	—	—	
31.	Compensatory Allowance		26	26	—	—	
32.	2 Watchmen for Amman and Remtha Quarantine Stations		72	72	—	—	
	Total Personal Emoluments, C.F.		8,805	9,077	289	17	

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	Head and Sub-Head of Expenditure.	Approved Estimates 1933–34.	Estimates 1934–35.	Increase.	Decrease.	Remarks.
		£P.	£P.	£P.	£P.	
HEAD XI.—PUBLIC HEALTH—*continued.*						
	TOTAL PERSONAL EMOLUMENTS B.F.	8,805	9,077	289	17	
	B.—Other Charges.					
33.	Transport and Travelling	750	750	—	—	
34.	Lighting and Heating	50	50	—	—	
35.	Contingencies	20	20	—	—	
36.	Postage, Telegrams, and Telephones	105	105	—	—	
37.	Clothing	100	100	—	—	
38.	Treatment of Government patients in private hospitals	175	175	—	—	
39.	Medical Stores and Equipment	900	900	—	—	
40.	Epidemic Measures	400	400	—	—	
41.	Anti-Malarial Measures	100	100	—	—	
42.	Vaccine, Sera, etc.	150	150	—	—	
43.	Medical Library	12	12	—	—	
44.	Notification of Births and Deaths	180	180	—	—	
45.	Dieting, Staff and Patients	400	400	—	—	
46.	Subsidy, Es Salt Hospital	240	240	—	—	
47.	Colonial Medical Advisory Committee	5	5	—	—	
	TOTAL OTHER CHARGES	3,587	3,587	—	—	
	TOTAL PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT	12,392	12,664	289	17	NET INCREASE £P.272.
HEAD XIA.—MA'AN QUARANTINE.						
1.	Allowance to Medical Officer	12	—	—	12	
2.	Sub-Inspector at £P.5 for 3 months	24	—	—	24	
3.	Watchman at £P.4 for 3 months	12	—	—	12	
4.	Attendant at £P.3 for 3 months	9	—	—	9	
5.	Dieting 150 Pilgrims	38	—	—	38	
	TOTAL MA'AN QUARANTINE	95	—	—	95	NET DECREASE £P.95.

	Head and Sub-Head of Expenditure.		Approved Estimates 1933–34.	Estimates 1934–35.	Increase.	Decrease.	Remarks.
			£P.	£P.	£P.	£P.	
HEAD XII.—EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.							
	A.—Personal Emoluments.						
1.	Director	£P.38—2—46	552	552	—	—	
2.	Inspector	£P.26—1—31	367	372	5	—	2. Increment.
3.	Inspector	£P.21—1—25	271	252	—	19	3. Provision reduced to the minimum owing to temporary vacancy of the post.
4.	Chief Clerk	£P.17—½—20	240	240	—	—	
5.	Accountant	£P. 9—½—12	144	144	—	—	
6.	Clerk	£P. 9—½—12	137	143	6	—	6. Increment.
7.	Storekeeper	£P. 6—½— 8	93	96	3	—	7. Increment.
8.	Compensatory Allowance		25	25	—	—	
9.	Orderly		36	36	—	—	
	Boys' Schools.						
10.	Headmaster	£P.21—1—25	300	300	—	—	
11.	3 Headmasters	£P.17—½—20	660	672	12	—	11. Increments.
12.	6 Masters	£P.17—½—20	1,312	1,327	15	—	12. Increments and changes in holders of posts.
13.	6 Masters	£P.13—½—16	1,067	1,055	—	12	13. Increments and changes in holders of posts.
14.	9 Headmasters	£P. 9—½—12	1,207	1,231	24	—	14. Increments and changes in holders of posts.
15.	13 Masters	£P. 9—½—12	1,762	—	—	1,762	15. *Vide* item 16.
16.	16 Masters	£P. 9—½—12	—	1,937	1,937	—	16. Includes 3 new posts as from 1st October, 1934. *See* Memorandum.
17.	40 Masters	£P. 6—½— 8	3,718	—	—	3,718	17. *Vide* item 18.
18.	44 Masters	£P. 6—½— 8	—	3,863	3,863	—	18. Includes 4 new posts as from 1st October, 1934. *See* Memorandum.
19.	31 Village School Masters ..	£P. 6—½— 8	2,825	2,835	10	—	19. Increments and changes in holders of posts.
20.	Compensatory Allowance		126	126	—	—	
21.	Orderlies, Servants, etc.		402	402	—	—	
	Girls' Schools.						
22.	3 Headmistresses	£P.13—½—16	576	576	—	—	
23.	5 Headmistresses	£P. 9—½—12	568	571	3	—	23. Increments and changes in holders of posts.
24.	10 Mistresses	£P. 9—½—12	1,193	1,224	31	—	24. Increments and adjustment of Salary.
25.	11 Mistresses	£P. 6—½— 8	961	—	—	961	25. *Vide* item 26.
26.	13 Mistresses	£P. 6—½— 8	—	1,012	1,012	—	26. Increments and changes in holders of posts includes 2 new posts as from 1st October, 1934.
27.	Compensatory Allowance		14	14	—	—	
28.	Servants, etc.		276	276	—	—	
	Carried forward		18,832	19,281	6,921	6,472	

	Head and Sub-Head of Expenditure.	*Approved Estimates 1933–34.*	*Estimates 1934–35.*	*Increase.*	*Decrease.*	*Remarks.*
		£P.	£P.	£P.	£P.	
	HEAD XII.—EDUCATION DEPARTMENT—*continued.*					
	Brought forward	18,832	19,281	6,921	6,472	
	School of Arts and Crafts.					
29.	Director .. .. £P.17—½—20	240	240	—	—	
30.	Master Smith .. .. .. £P.13—½—16	171	177	6	—	30. Increment.
31.	Master Carpenter .. .. £P. 9—½—12	144	144	—	—	
32.	Instructor, Cane Chair Making £P. 6—½— 8	77	83	6	—	32. Increment.
33.	Master Weaver .. .. £P. 6—½— 8	96	96	—	—	
34.	Master, Reading and Writing .. £P. 6—½— 8	94	88	—	6	34. Change in holder of post.
35.	Accountant and Storekeeper .. £P. 9—½—12	114	120	6	—	35. Increment.
36.	Compensatory Allowance	7	7	—	—	
37.	Cook, Washerwoman, and Servants	210	210	—	—	
	TOTAL PERSONAL EMOLUMENTS, C.F.	19,985	20,446	6,939	6,478	
	TOTAL PERSONAL EMOLUMENTS B.F., ...	19,985	20,446	6,939	6,478	
	B.—Other Charges.					
38.	Transport and Travelling	320	320	—	—	
39.	Lighting and Heating	86	86	—	—	
40.	Contingencies	62	62	—	—	
41.	Postage, Telegrams, and Telephones	90	75	—	15	
42.	Rations, School of Arts and Crafts	420	420	—	—	
43.	Books and School Equipment	1,150	1,013	—	137	
44.	Stores and Equipment, School of Arts and Crafts ..	550	530	—	20	
45.	Water	85	85	—	—	
46.	Training School Fees	588	588	—	—	
47.	Cost of training 9 pupils and 2 teachers in the Kadoorie Agricultural School	588	726	138	—	
48.	Improvement of School Gardens	50	50	—	—	
	TOTAL OTHER CHARGES	3,989	3,955	138	172	
	TOTAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT	23,974	24,401	7,077	6,650	NET INCREASE, £P.427.

	HEAD XIII.—AGRICULTURE, FORESTS AND VETERINARY.					
	A.—Personal Emoluments.					
1.	Director .. .. £P.38—2—46	552	552	—	—	
2.	Agricultural Assistant .. .. £P.21—1—25	300	300	—	—	
3.	2 Agricultural Assistants .. £P.17—½—20	306	408	102	—	3. One post provided for for 6 months only in 1933–1934.
4.	Clerk .. .. £P. 9—½—12	144	144	—	—	
5.	2 Clerks .. .. £P. 6—½— 8	160	161	1	—	
6.	Orderly	36	36	—	—	
	Districts.					
7.	6 Agricultural Officers .. .. £P. 9—½—12	668	704	38	—	7. Increments and adjustment of salary.
8.	10 Forest Guards at £P.5 p.m. each	570	600	30	—	8. One post provided for for 6 months only in 1933–1934.
9.	2 Overseers of Experimental Stations at £P.7 p.m. ..	168	168	—	—	
10.	5 Gardeners at £P.6 p.m. each	324	—	—	324	10. *Vide* items 11 and 12.
11.	Overseer of Gardens .. .. £P.17—½—20	—	204	204	—	11. *See* Memorandum.
12.	Assistant Overseer of Gardens.. £P. 9—½—12	—	108	108	—	12. *See* Memorandum.
13.	Collector of Revenue at £P.5 p.m.	60	60	—	—	
	Veterinary.					
14.	Chief Veterinary Officer .. £P.26—1—31	372	372	—	—	
15.	Veterinary Officer .. .. £P.21—1—25	252	263	11	—	15. Annual increment.
16.	Assistant Veterinary Officer .. £P. 9—½—12	144	144	—	—	
17.	Syce at £P.3 p.m.	36	36	—	—	
18.	Compensatory Allowance	11	11	—	—	
	TOTAL PERSONAL EMOLUMENTS	4,101	4,271	494	324	
	B.—Other Charges.					
19.	Transport and Travelling	600	600	—	—	
20.	Lighting and Heating	20	20	—	—	
21.	Contingencies	20	20	—	—	
22.	Postage, Telegrams and Telephones	75	45	—	30	
23.	Clothing	48	48	—	—	
24.	Veterinary Stores and Equipment	30	30	—	—	
25.	Training the inhabitants in olive oil extraction ..	150	—	—	150	
26.	Pruning and Afforestation	200	125	—	75	
27.	Maintenance of Nurseries	300	300	—	—	
	Carried forward	1,443	1,188	—	255	

Head and Sub-head of Expenditure.	Approved Estimates 1933–1934.	Estimates 1934–1935.	Increase.	Decrease.	Remarks.
	£P.	£P.	£P.	£P.	
HEAD XIII.—AGRICULTURE, FORESTS AND VETERINARY—*continued.*					
Brought forward	1,443	1,188	—	255	
B.—Other Charges—continued.					
28. Labour for Nurseries	400	400	—	—	
29. Maintenance of Experimental Stations	300	300	—	—	
30. Maintenance of el Chor Nursery	300	300	—	—	
31. Maintenance of School Gardens	400	400	—	—	
32. Purchase of Books	30	30	—	—	
33. Subscription to Locust Intelligence Bureau (Damascus)	69	—	—	69	
34. Subscription to Locust Control Committee (London)..	50	50	—	—	
35. Epidemic Measures	450	450	—	—	
TOTAL OTHER CHARGES	3,442	3,118	—	324	
TOTAL AGRICULTURE, FORESTS AND VETERINARY	7,543	7,389	494	648	NET DECREASE, £P.154
HEAD XIV.—ANTIQUITIES DEPARTMENT.					
A—.Personal Emoluments.					
1. Director .. ..£P.38—2—46	508	532	24	—	1. Annual increment
2. Inspector .. ..Special ..	700	700	—	—	
3. Assistant Inspector .. .. ..£P.26—1—31	353	365	12	—	3. Annual increment.
4. Sub-Inspector .. .. ..£P. 9—½—12	137	143	6	—	4. Annual increment.
5. Clerk .. ..£P. 9—½—12	120	126	6	—	5. Annual increment.
6. Compensatory Allowance	22	22	—	—	
7. 5 Guards	318	318	—	—	
8. Orderly	36	36	—	—	
TOTAL PERSONAL EMOLUMENTS	2,194	2,242	48	—	
B—.Other Charges.					
9. Transport and Travelling	370	370	—	—	
10. Lighting and Heating	6	6	—	—	
11. Contingencies	3	3	—	—	
12. Clothing	18	18	—	—	
13. Postage, Telegrams, and Telephones	25	25	—	—	
14. Redemption	10	10	—	—	
15. Books and Publications	20	20	—	—	
16. Maintenance of Antiquities	90	50	—	40	
TOTAL OTHER CHARGES	542	502	—	40	
TOTAL ANTIQUITIES DEPARTMENT	2,736	2,744	48	40	NET INCREASE £P.8.

HEAD XV.—PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.					
A.—Personal Emoluments.	£P.	£P.	£P.	£P.	
1. Director .. .. £P.48—2—58	696	696	—	—	
2. 3 Technical Assistants .. .. £P.26—1—31	1,116	1,116	—	—	
3. 2 Draughtsmen .. .. .. £P.17—½—20	468	449	—	19	3. Change in holder of one post.
4. Chief Clerk .. .. .. £P.17—½—20	222	228	6	—	4. Annual Increment.
5. Accountant .. .. .. £P.13—½—16	192	192	—	—	
6. Stores Clerk .. .. .. £P. 9—½—12	144	144	—	—	
7. Storekeeper .. .. .. £P. 9—½—12	126	132	6	—	7. Annual Increment.
8. 3 Clerks .. .. £P. 9—½—12	374	392	18	—	8. Annual Increment.
9. 2 Clerks .. .. £P. 6—½— 8	180	184	4	—	9. Annual Increment.
10. Compensatory Allowances	50	50	—	—	
11. Orderlies, Porters, etc.	150	150	—	—	
TOTAL PERSONAL EMOLUMENTS..	3,718	3,733	34	19	
B.—Other Charges.					
12. Transport and Travelling	700	700	—	—	
13. Lighting and Heating	15	15	—	—	
14. Contingencies	10	10	—	—	
15. Postage, Telegrams, and Telephones	100	100	—	—	
16. Drawing Materials	30	30	—	—	
17. Engineering Instruments	20	20	—	—	
18. Technical Books	20	20	—	—	
TOTAL OTHER CHARGES	895	895	—	—	
TOTAL PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT	4,613	4,628	34	19	NET INCREASE £P.15.
HEAD XV-A.—PUBLIC WORKS, RECURRENT.					
1. Maintenance of Government Buildings	1,900	1,900	—	—	
2. Minor new works	500	500	—	—	
3. Tools and equipment	200	200	—	—	
4. Rents	5,240	5,400	160	—	4. To meet increased demand for accommodation.
5. Furniture, Government Offices	150	200	50	—	5. Vote temporarily reduced in previous years.
6. Furniture, Schools	460	500	40	—	6. To meet increased demand.
7. Maintenance of Roads	8,900	9,100	200	—	7. Vote temporarily reduced in previous years.
8. Maintenance of His Highness's Residence	200	200	—	—	
9. Maintenance and running of His Highness's electric light and water supply.	450	450	—	—	
TOTAL PUBLIC WORKS, RECURRENT	18,000	18,450	450	—	NET INCREASE £P.450.

	Head and Sub-Head of Expenditure.		Approved Estimates, 1933–34. £P.	Estimates, 1934–35. £P.	Increase. £P.	Decrease. £P.	Remarks.
HEAD XVI.—POSTS AND TELEGRAPHS DEPARTMENT.							
	A.—Personal Emoluments.						
1.	Postmaster General	£P.38—2—46	552	552	—	—	
2.	Inspector	£P.17—½—20	222	226	4	—	2. Increment and correction of error.
3.	Accountant	£P.13—½—16	192	192	—	—	
4.	Cashier	£P.13—½—16	172	178	6	—	4. Increment.
5.	Chief Clerk	£P.13—½—16	171	177	6	—	5. Increment.
6.	Accounts Clerk	£P.13—½—16	167	173	6	—	6. Increment.
7.	2 Clerks	£P. 9—½—12	251	263	12	—	7. Increments.
8.	Stores Clerk	£P. 9—½—12	119	125	6	—	8. Increment.
9.	2 Clerks	£P. 6—½— 8	192	192	—	—	
	District Post Offices.						
10.	Postmaster	£P.17—½—20	210	216	6	—	10. Increment.
11.	3 Postmasters	£P.13—½—16	501	519	18	—	11. Increments.
12.	Telegraph and Telephone Overseer	£P.13—½—16	171	177	6	—	12. Increment.
13.	6 Postmasters	£P. 9—½—12	753	779	26	—	13. Increments and correction of error.
14.	4 Posts and Telegraph Clerks ..	£P. 9—½—12	506	532	26	—	14. Increments and correction of error.
15.	17 Posts and Telegraph Clerks..	£P. 6—½— 8	1,561	—	—	1,561	15. *Vide* Item 16.
16.	19 Posts and Telegraph Clerks..	£P. 6—½— 8	—	1,676	1,676	—	16. Increments and 2 new posts from 1–10–1934.
	Engineering.						
17.	Technical Assistant	£P.21—1—25	300	300	—	—	
18.	Technical Officer	£P.17—½—20	240	—	—	240	18. *Vide* Item 19.
19.	2 Technical Officers	£P.17—½—20	—	342	342	—	19. Includes new post from 1–10–1934.
20.	Lines Inspector	£P.13—½—16	174	180	6	—	20. Increment.
21.	2 Head Linesmen	£P. 6—½— 8	180	—	—	180	21. *Vide* Item 22.
22.	4 Head Linesmen	£P. 6—½— 8	—	264	264	—	22. Increments and 2 new posts from 1–10–1934.
23.	6 Linesmen at £P.6 p.m. each		432	432	—	—	
24.	18 Linesmen at £P.5 p.m. each		1,080	—	—	1,080	24. *Vide* Item 25.
25.	21 Linesmen at £P.5 p.m. each		—	1,260	1,260	—	25. Includes 3 new posts for a full year.
26.	5 Apprentices at £P.3.500 Mils p.m. each		210	210	—	—	
27.	12 Postmen at £P.4 p.m. and 2 Orderlies at £P.3 p.m. each		648	648	—	—	
28.	Labour		250	350	100	—	
29.	Compensatory Allowance		43	43	—	—	
	TOTAL PERSONAL EMOLUMENTS		9,297	10,006	3,770	3,061	
	B.—Other Charges.						
30.	Transport and Travelling		775	850	75	—	30. *Vide* Memorandum.
31.	Lighting and Heating		90	90	—	—	
32.	Contingencies		15	15	—	—	
33.	Clothing		200	215	15	—	33. *Vide* Memorandum.
34.	Stores and Equipment		2,000	2,000	—	—	
35.	Transport of Mails		1,100	1,150	50	—	35. *Vide* Memorandum.
36.	Commission to Postal Agents		20	20	—	—	
37.	Hedjaz Railway for Ma'an Telephone Line		137	137	—	—	
	TOTAL OTHER CHARGES		4,337	4,477	140	—	
	TOTAL POSTS AND TELEGRAPHS DEPARTMENT ..		13,634	14,483	3,910	3,061	NET INCREASE, £P.849.
HEAD XVII.—LANDS DEPARTMENT.							
	A.—Personal Emoluments.						
1.	Director	Special Grade	1,000	1,000	—	—	
2.	Controller of State Domains ..	£P.26—1—31	372	372	—	—	
3.	Chief Clerk and Technical Assistant	£P.21—1—25	264	276	12	—	3. Annual Increment.
4.	Clerk	£P.13—½—16	174	180	6	—	4. Annual Increment.
5.	2 Clerks	£P. 9—½—12	230	248	18	—	5. Two Increments and Change in holder of one post.
	Land Settlement.						
6.	Land Settlement Judge	£P.48—2—58	288	588	300	—	6. Provision in 1933–34 for 6 months. Increment.
7.	Chief Land Settlement Officer	£P.32—1—37	—	432	432	—	7. Transfer from Surveys, *vide* item 13. Increment.
8.	Land Settlement Officer ..	£P.26—1—31	—	318	318	—	8. Transfer from Surveys, *vide* item 14, and change in holder of post.
9.	2 Assistant Land Settlement Officers	£P.17—½—20	—	456	456	—	9. Transfer from Surveys, *vide* item 15. 2 Increments.
10.	1 Assistant Land Settlement Officer	£P.13—½—16	78	156	78	—	10. Previously shown as Clerk to Land Settlement Judge and provision made for 6 months only.
11.	1 Clerk	£P. 9—½—12	54	132	78	—	11. Provision for 6 months in 1933–34.
	Surveys.						
12.	Director	Special Grade	680	700	20	—	12. Annual Increment.
13.	Chief Demarcation Officer ..	£P.32—1—37	420	—	—	420	13. Transferred to item 7—Land Settlement.
14.	Demarcation Officer	£P.26—1—31	324	—	—	324	14. Transferred to item 8—Land Settlement.
15.	3 Surveyors	£P.17—½—20	654	—	—	654	15. Two transferred to item 9—Land Settlement, and one to item 16.
16.	Inspector	£P.17—½—20	—	216	216	—	16. From item 15, with change of designation.
17.	Assistant Inspector	£P.13—½—16	—	156	156	—	17. Transfer from item 23—Land Registry.
18.	18 Surveyors	£P. 9—½—12	2,255	2,340	85	—	18. Annual Increments.
19.	Chainmen		1,440	—	—	1,440	19. *Vide* item 20.
20.	Labourers	£P.	1,450	2,890	1,440	—	20. Inclusion of Chainmen from item 19.
	Carried forward		9,683	10,460	3,615	2,838	

	Head and Sub-Head of Expenditure.		*Approved Estimates 1933-34.* £P.	*Estimates 1934-35.* £P.	*Increase.* £P.	*Decrease.* £P.	*Remarks.*
	Brought forward		9,683	10,460	3,615	2,838	
	HEAD XVII. LANDS DEPARTMENT (*continued*).						
	Land Registry.						
21.	Director of Land Registry ..	£P.26—1—31	360	372	12	—	21. Annual Increment.
22.	Land Registry Officer	£P.17—½—20	240	240	—	—	
23.	3 Land Registry Officers ..	£P.13—½—16	573	—	—	573	23. One to item 17, two to item 24.
24.	2 Land Registry Officers ..	£P.13—½—16	—	384	384	—	24. From item 23.
25.	2 Land Registry Officers ..	£P. 9—½—12	288	288	—	—	
26.	Clerk	£P. 6—½—8	96	96	—	—	
	General.						
27.	Orderlies		144	144	—	—	
28.	Compensatory Allowances		30	30	—	—	
29.	Field Allowances		550	550	—	—	
	TOTAL PERSONAL EMOLUMENTS		11,964	12,564	4,011	3,411	
	B.—Other Charges.						
30.	Transport and Travelling		1,550	1,550	—	—	
31.	Lighting and Heating		30	30	—	—	
32.	Contingencies		100	100	—	—	
33.	Postage, Telegrams, and Telephones		50	50	—	—	
34.	Technical Equipment		200	200	—	—	
35.	Tentage and Camp Equipment		150	150	—	—	
36.	Survey Marks		400	900	500	—	36. Increase due to Land Settlement Works.
37.	Boots for labourers		100	100	—	—	
38.	Printing of Maps		200	200	—	—	
	TOTAL OTHER CHARGES		2,780	3,280	500	—	
	TOTAL LANDS DEPARTMENT		14,744	15,844	4,511	3,411	NET INCREASE £P.1,100.

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HEAD XVIII.—POLICE AND PRISONS.

A.—Police.

	A.—Personal Emoluments						
1.	Commandant	£P.850—50—1,050 p.a.	1,050	1,050	—	—	
2.	Expatriation Allowance		150	150	—	—	
3.	Second in Command and O.C. Desert Patrol ..		800	800	—	—	
4.	Expatriation Allowance		150	150	—	—	
5.	Assistant Commandant	£P.550—25—750 p.a.	700	725	25	—	5. Annual Increment.
6.	Expatriation Allowance		100	100	—	—	
7.	Accountant	£P.300—10—550 p.a.	463	473	10	—	7. Annual Increment.
8.	Expatriation Allowance		50	50	—	—	
9.	Assistant to O.C. the Desert Patrol		400	400	—	—	
10.	Expatriation Allowance		50	50	—	—	
11.	Paymaster	£P.17—½—20	216	222	6	—	11. Annual Increment.
12.	Stores Officer	£P.17—½—20	240	240	—	—	
13.	Armourer	£P.8 p.m.	96	96	—	—	
14.	Saddlers	£P.6 p.m.	144	144	—	—	
15.	W/T Mechanic	£P.10 p.m.	120	—	—	120	15. *Vide* items 17–18.
16.	10 W/T Operators	£P.7 p.m.	840	—	—	840	16. *Vide* items 17–18.
17.	2 W/T Superintendents	£P.9 p.m.	—	216	216	—	17. From items 15–16—Regraded.
18.	9 W/T Operators	£P.7 p.m.	—	756	756	—	18. From item 16.
19.	2 Clerks	£P.21—1—25	552	552	—	—	
20.	4 Clerks	£P.13—½—16	726	678	—	48	20. Changes in holders of posts.
21.	5 Clerks	£P. 9—½—12	660	684	24	—	21. Annual Increments.
22.	6 Clerks	£P. 6—½— 8	540	536	—	4	22. Changes in holders of posts.
23.	Power-house Mechanic	£P.12 p.m.	144	144	—	—	
24.	1 Qaimakam	£P.38—2—46	528	552	24	—	24. Annual Increment.
25.	1 Qaid	£P.32—1—37	420	432	12	—	25. Annual Increment.
26.	3 Wakil Qaids	£P.26—1—31	1,044	1,080	36	—	26. Annual Increments.
27.	3 Rais	£P.21—1—25	900	900	—	—	
28.	16 Mulazim Awal	£P.17—½—20	3,840	3,840	—	—	
29.	3 Mulazim Thani	£P.13—½—16	576	—	—	576	29. *Vide* item 30.
30.	4 Mulazim Thani	£P.13—½—16	—	654	654	—	30. (Promotion of Wakil (*see* item 32) from 1st October, 1934, *vide* Memorandum).
31.	3 Cadets	£P.10 p.m.	360	360	—	—	
32.	10 Wakils, 1st Class	£P.9—½—12	1,302	1,230	—	72	32. 1 post to 30th September, 1934, *vide* item 30.
33.	10 Wakils, 2nd Class	£P.9 p.m.	1,020	1,080	—	—	
34.	43 Naibs	£P.7 p.m.	3,612	3,612	—	—	
35.	70 Areefs	£P.6 p.m.	5,040	5,040	—	—	
	Carried forward		27,133	26,996	1,763	1,660	

	Head and Sub-head of Expenditure.		*Approved Estimates* 1933–34.	*Estimates* 1934–35.	*Increase.*	*Decrease.*		*Remarks.*
HEAD XVIII.—POLICE AND PRISONS—*continued.*			£P.	£P.	£P.	£P.		
	Brought forward		27,133	26,996	1,763	1,660		
	A.—Police—contd.							
	A.—Personal Emoluments—contd.							
36.	519 Jundi	£P.5 p.m.	31,140	31,140	—	—		
37.	17 Jundi	£P.2 p.m.	408	408	—	—		
38.	6 Cavalrymen	£P.6 p.m.	432	432	—	—		
39.	6 Amin Seriya, 1st Class	£P.8½ p.m.	816	816	—	—		
40.	9 Amin Seriya, 2nd Class	£P.7½ p.m.	810	810	—	—		
41.	1 Imam	£P.5 p.m.	60	60	—	—		
42.	9 M.T. Drivers, 1st Class	£P.9 p.m.	972	—	—	972	42.	
43.	6 M.T. Drivers, 2nd Class	£P.5 p.m.	360	—	—	360	43.	*Vide* Items 45–46–47–48–49.
44.	Fitters Allowance to 4 Drivers ..	£P.1 p.m.	48	—	—	48	44.	
45.	3 M.T. Drivers	£P.12 p.m.	—	432	432	—	45.	
46.	1 M.T. Driver	£P.10 p.m.	—	120	120	—	46.	Regrading of M.T. Drivers under authority of
47.	4 M.T. Drivers	£P.9 p.m.	—	432	432	—	47.	the Secretary of State's despatch dated the
48.	3 M.T. Drivers	£P.6 p.m.	—	216	216	—	48.	5th May, 1933.*
49.	3 M.T. Drivers	£P.5 p.m.	—	180	180	—	49.	
50.	Desert Allowance to W/T Operators ..	.. ..	144	228	84	—	50.	Increase in the number of operators entitled to Desert Allowance.
51.	3 Menials for Desert Outposts ..	.. ..	—	18	18	—	51.	From 1st October, 1934, *vide* memorandum.
	Urban Police.							
52.	1 Wakil Qaid	£P.26–1–31 p.m.	348	360	12	—	52.	Annual increment.
53.	1 Traffic Inspector	£P.290–10–340 p.a. plus £P.40	380	380	—	—		
54.	1 Legal Adviser	£P.21—1—25	288	—	—	288	54.	Cancellation of post recommended by Officer Commanding Arab Legion in letter dated 8th November, 1933.
55.	1 Mufawad, 1st Class	£P.13—½—16	192	192	—	—		
56.	10 Mufawads, 2nd Class	£P.8 p.m.	960	960	—	—		
57.	9 Mufawads, 3rd Class	£P.7 p.m.	756	756	—	—		
58.	75 Constables	£P.6 p.m.	5,400	5,400	—	—		
59.	2 Clerks	£P.9—½—12	216	228	12	—	59.	Annual increments.
60.	Compensatory Allowances	.. ..	76	66	—	10		
61.	Personal Allowances	.. ..	150	144	—	6	61.	Transferred to Head XVIII—B.—Prisons.
	TOTAL PERSONAL EMOLUMENTS		70,849	70,774	3,269	3,344		
	B.—Other Charges.							
62.	Forage Allowance		9,600	9,800	200	—	62.	Provision in 1933–34 insufficient.
63.	Clothing		7,195	6,600	—	595	63.	Reduction based on actuals for 1932–33.
64.	Compensation for loss of Animals		300	340	40	—	64.	Increase based on actuals for 1932–33.
65.	Veterinary		—	35	35	—	65.	Temporarily cancelled in 1933–34.
66.	Equipment		600	590	—	10	66.	Reduction based on actuals 1932–33.
67.	Saddlery		600	560	—	40	67.	Reduction based on actuals 1932–33.
68.	Transport and Travelling		2,400	2,700	300	—	68.	Provision for 1933–34 insufficient.
69.	Furniture		200	160	—	40	69.	Reduction based on actuals 1932–33.
70.	Lighting and Heating		525	500	—	25	70.	Reduction based on actuals 1932–33.
71.	Secret Service Police		400	400	—	—		
72.	Secret Service Desert Patrol		1,500	1,500	—	—		
73.	Contingencies		125	125	—	—		
74.	Pension Contributions		370	370	—	—		
75.	Purchase of Water		125	150	25	—	75.	Provision for 1933–34 insufficient.
76.	Miscellaneous Stores		150	150	—	—		
77.	Cost of Living Allowance		165	165	—	—		
78.	Photographic and Finger-print Equipment		75	45	—	30	78.	Decrease agreed to by Officer Commanding Arab Legion.
79.	Postage, Telegrams, and Telephones		2,200	2,200	—	—		
80.	Tentage		150	150	—	—		
81.	Insurance of Stores		41	41		—		
82.	Petrol and Maintenance of Transport		3,950	3,550	—	400	82.	Decrease agreed to by Officer Commanding Arab Legion.
83.	Upkeep of Wireless		210	400	190	—	83.	Present provision insufficient to maintain W/T and Arms at proper standard.
84.	Maintenance of Armament		150	350	200	—	84.	
85.	Ammunition		550	550	—	—		
	TOTAL OTHER CHARGES		31,581	31,431	990	1,140		
	TOTAL POLICE		102,430	102,205	4,259	4,484		NET DECREASE £P.225.

* 17827/33 [No. 4.]: not printed.

Head and Sub-Head of Expenditure.	*Approved Estimates 1933–1934.*	*Estimates 1934–1935.*	*Increase.*	*Decrease.*	*Remarks.*
	£P.	£P.	£P.	£P.	
HEAD XVIII.—POLICE AND PRISONS—*continued.*					
B.—Prisons.					
A.—Personal Emoluments.					
1. Mulazim Awal .. .. .. £P.17—½—20	240	240	—	—	
2. Mulazim Thani .. .. .. £P.13—½—16	192	192	—	—	
3. 1 Amin Seriya, 1st Class .. £P. 8½ p.m. ..	102	102	—	—	
4. 6 Warders, 1st Class .. .. £P. 8 p.m. ..	576	576	—	—	
5. 6 Warders, 2nd Class .. .. £P. 7 p.m. ..	504	504	—	—	
6. 1 Wardress .. .. .. £P. 6 p.m. ..	72	72	—	—	
7. 83 Prison Guards .. .. £P. 5 p.m. ..	4,980	4,980	—	—	
8. Personal Allowances	12	18	6	—	8. From 18–A–Police.
TOTAL PERSONAL EMOLUMENTS	6,678	6,684	6	—	
B.—Other Charges.					
9. Clothing, Prison Personnel	740	725	—	15	9. Decrease based on Actuals for 1932–33.
10. Clothing, Prisoners'	850	750	—	100	10. Decrease based on Actuals for 1932–33.
11. Rations, Prisoners'	4,000	4,000	—	—	
12. Transport and Travelling	275	290	15	—	12. Provision for 1933–34 insufficient.
13. Furniture..	100	130	30	—	13. Provision for 1933–34 insufficient.
14. Equipment	200	180	—	20	14. Decrease based on Actuals for 1932–33.
15. Lighting and Heating	225	210	—	15	15. Decrease based on Actuals for 1932–33.
16. Contingencies	30	25	—	5	16. Decrease based on Actuals for 1932–33.
17. Soap	130	125	—	5	17. Decrease based on Actuals for 1932–33.
18. Materials for Prison Industries	50	35	—	15	18. Decrease based on Actuals for 1932–33.
TOTAL OTHER CHARGES	6,600	6,470	45	175	
TOTAL PRISONS	13,278	13,154	51	175	NET DECREASE £P.124.

HEAD XIX.—MISCELLANEOUS.	£P.	£P.	£P.	£P.	
1. Typewriters	350	350	—	—	
2. Safes	100	100	—	—	
3. Transport of Specie	75	75	—	—	
4. Contribution to Agricultural Bank	3,500	3,500	—	—	
5. Commission to Stamp Vendors	15	15	—	—	
6. Stamp Dies and Printing of Stamps	70	70	—	—	
7. Pension Contributions to Palestine Government ..	600	600	—	—	
8. Printing and Stationery	3,050	3,450	400	—	8. Vide Memorandum.
9. Sundries	709	513	—	196	
10. Crown Agents Expenses	200	200	—	—	
11. Entertainment of Distinguished Guests	50	50	—	—	
12. Repatriation	50	50	—	—	
TOTAL MISCELLANEOUS	8,769	8,973	400	196	NET INCREASE £P.204.
HEAD XX.—AUDIT DEPARTMENT.					
A. Personal Emoluments.					
1. Auditor	200	200	—	—	
2. Chief Examiner .. .. ..£P.48—2—58	672	696	24	—	
3. Clerk .. ..£P.26—1—31	372	—	—	372	3. Cancelled.
4. Clerk .. ..£P.21—1—25	293	300	7	—	4. Increment.
5. 2 Clerks .. ..£P.17—½—20	480	—	—	480	5. *Vide* Item 6.
6. 3 Clerks .. ..£P.17—½—20	—	615	615	—	6. Changes in holders of posts and one new post.
7. 1 Clerk .. ..£P.13—½—16	—	156	156	—	7. New post.
8. 4 Clerks .. ..£P. 9—½—12	560	572	12	—	8. 2 Increments.
9. 5 Clerks .. ..£P. 6—½— 8	461	—	—	461	9. *Vide* Item 10.
10. 6 Clerks .. ..£P. 6—½— 8	—	484	484	—	10. Includes one new post as from 1st October, 1934.
11. Compensatory Allowance	8	8	—	—	
12. 2 Orderlies at £P.3 p.m. each	60	72	12	—	12. In 1933–34 one of the 2 orderlies received £P.2 p.m.
TOTAL PERSONAL EMOLUMENTS..	3,106	3,103	1,310	1,313	
B. Other Charges.					
13. Transport and Travelling	303	203	—	100	
14. Lighting and Heating	12	12	—	—	
15. Contingencies	8	8	—	—	
16. Postage, Telegrams and Telephones	25	25	—	—	
17. Share of Expenses of the Home Establishment of the Colonial Audit Department.	56	56	—	—	
TOTAL OTHER CHARGES	404	304	—	100	
TOTAL AUDIT DEPARTMENT	3,510	3,407	1,310	1,413	NET DECREASE £P.103.

Head and Sub-Head of Expenditure.	Approved Estimates 1933–34. £P.	Estimates 1934–35. £P.	Increase. £P.	Decrease. £P.	Remarks.
HEAD XXI.—TRIBAL CONTROL BOARD.					
A.—Personal Emoluments.					
1. His Highness the Amir Shakir	840	840	—	—	
2. Clerk .. .. £P.17—½—20	216	—	—	216	2. *Vide* Memorandum.
3. Nominated Member	60	60	—	—	
TOTAL PERSONAL EMOLUMENTS	1,116	900	—	216	
B.—Other Charges.					
4. Transport and Travelling	100	50	—	50	
TOTAL OTHER CHARGES	100	50	—	50	
TOTAL TRIBAL CONTROL BOARD	1,216	950	—	266	NET DECREASE £P.266.
HEAD XXII.—TRANS-JORDAN FRONTIER FORCE (ORDINARY).					
1. One-sixth of the Trans-Jordan Frontier Force Ordinary Expenditure	30,715	29,387	—	1,328	NET DECREASE £P.1,328.

Head and Sub-Head of Expenditure.	Original Estimate. £P.	Actual Expenditure to 30th Sept., 1933. £P.	Estimated further Expenditure to 31st March, 1934. £P.	Estimated Expenditure, 1934–35. £P.	Remarks.
HEAD XXIII.—PUBLIC WORKS EXTRAORDINARY.					
Kerak.					
1. Repairs to Governorate	1,200	90	90	90	
2. Repairs to Boys' School	2,000	457	100	400	
3. Repairs to Arab Legion Headquarters	200	—	70	70	
4. Improvement to Courts	100	—	—	100	
5. Improvement to Ghor Es Safi Outpost and building a stable.	150	—	—	150	
Amman.					
6. Repairs to His Highness's Residence	1,000	400	85	100	
7. Additions and Improvements to Central Prison and Arab Legion Camp.	2,000	470	230	700	
8. Fire Fighting Equipment to Customs House ..	90	—	—	90	
9. Completion of Marka Outpost	100	—	—	100	
Irbid.					
10. Repairs to Boys' School	190	—	90	100	
11. Construction of Stables	160	—	—	105	
12. Construction of Barracks	120	—	—	120	
Ma'an.					
13. Improvement to Prison	75	—	—	75	
Jerash.					
14. Expropriation of Prison	300	—	—	300	
15. Completion of Kreima Outpost	—	—	—	50	
Desert.					
16. Completion of Fort at Rum	1,800	—	900	900	
Roads.					
17. Reconstruction, Amman-Es Salt Road	20,000	13,200	1,500	950	17. Completion.
18. Reconstruction, Es Salt-Allenby Bridge Road ..	35,000	393	—	3,500	
19. Improvement to Ma'een Thermal Baths Road ..	2,000	—	—	330	
General.					
20. Purchase of Furniture for His Highness's Office ..	300	—	—	300	
				8,530	
HEAD XXIV.—POSTS AND TELEGRAPHS, EXTRAORDINARY.					
1. Purchase and Installation of New Exchange at Amman	3,000	—	—	3,000	
HEAD XXV.—POLICE AND PRISONS EXTRAORDINARY.					
1. Replacement of 6 cars, Desert Patrol	1,450	—	—	1,450	
2. Purchase of 2 W/T Sets for posts at Jebel Rum and el Gharandal	420	—	—	420	
TOTAL POLICE AND PRISONS EXTRAORDINARY ..	1,870	—	—	1,870	
HEAD XXVI.—AGRICULTURE EXTRAORDINARY.					
1. Expropriation of Land at Huseifa	300	—	—	300	
HEAD XXVII.—TRANS-JORDAN FRONTIER FORCE (EXTRAORDINARY).					
1. One-sixth of the Trans-Jordan Frontier Force Extraordinary Expenditure	5,438	—	—	5,438	

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Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 31st March, 1933.

	£P.	Mils.	£P.	Mils.
Liabilities.				
Deposits.				
Customs	107	912		
Municipal	930	699		
Execution	570	162		
Orphans' Estates	130	726		
Municipal Water Supply	2,226	690		
Agricultural Bank	63	093		
Relief, Southern Districts	97	611		
Relief, Distressed Cultivators	503	306		
Posts and Telegraph Department	1,802	950		
Police and Prisons Guarantee Fund	1,374	000		
Police and Prisons Fund	162	114		
British Resident	342	344		
Palestine Customs	2,343	787		
Sundry Deposits	4,698	504		
			15,353	898
Loans.				
Earthquake Relief, Advance by H.M.'s Government			10,000	000
Remittances.				
Collections and Recoveries on behalf of other Districts			176	480
Excess of Assets over Liabilities			19,404	866
			£P.44,935	244
Assets.				
Advances.				
Agricultural Bank	2,000	000		
Artesian Well, Irbid	132	178		
British Resident	260	000		
Earthquake Relief Loans	3,456	964		
Posts and Telegraph Department	625	793		
Zizia Land Account	750	000		
Nejd Hedjaz Government	1,726	383		
Agricultural Loans	3,274	840		
Sundry Advances	1,752	630		
			13,978	788
Imprests			1,999	418
Cash and Bank Balances.				
With the Joint Colonial Fund	5,500	000		
Balances held locally and with the Crown Agents	23,457	038		
			28,957	038
			£P.44,935	244

Ministry of Finance,
Amman,
Trans-Jordan.

Date .....

..... *Treasurer.*

..... *Financial Adviser.*

Statement of Cash and Bank Balances of the Treasury, Amman, as at 31st March, 1933.

	£P.	Mils.	£P.	Mils.
Cash balance as per Cash Book			390	442
Bank balance as per Bank Pass Book and bank certificates :—				
Deposit account	5,128	205		
Current account	14,656	921		
	19,785	126		
Less unpresented cheques	4,680	854		
			15,104	272
Total			£P.15,494	714

Certified that the above is a true statement of the Cash and Bank balances of the Treasury, Amman, as at 31st March, 1933.

..... *Treasurer.*

..... *Financial Adviser.*

Statement of Cash and Bank Balances held locally and with the Crown Agents, London, as at 31st March, 1933.

	£P.	Mils.	£P.	Mils.
The Treasury, Amman, in Bank	15,104	272		
" " " in Cash	390	442		
			15,494	714
Sub-Accountant—Es Salt			500	818
" —Kerak			601	240
" —Irbid			2,343	852
" —Tafileh			122	068
" —Jerash			766	628
" —Madaba			292	191
" —Ma'an			727	486
Postmaster-General, in Bank	251	491		
" " in Cash	726	456		
			977	947
British Resident, in Bank	36	783		
" " in Cash	13	806		
			50	589
O.C. Police and Prisons, in Bank	925	344		
" " in Cash	96	482		
			1,021	826
The Crown Agents, London			557	679
Total			£P.23,457	038

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..... *Financial Adviser.*

Abstract Account of Receipts and Payments for the Year 1932–33

Receipts.	*Estimates.* £P.	*Receipts.* £P.	*Receipts.* Mils.	*Over the Estimate.* £P.	*Over the Estimate.* Mils.	*Under the Estimate.* £P.	*Under the Estimate.* Mils.
Balance on 1st April, 1932 ..		5,965	414				
Heads of Revenue.							
1. Customs and Excise	62,500	82,396	809	19,896	809	—	—
2. Licences and Taxes, etc. ..	135,300	117,159	059	—	—	18,140	941
3. Fees of Court or Office ..	28,200	29,803	748	1,603	748	—	—
4. Posts and Telegraph Department	15,240	14,416	268	—	—	823	732
5. Revenue from Government Property	3,450	3,494	795	44	795	—	—
6. Interest	1,090	862	802	—	—	227	198
7. Miscellaneous Receipts ..	3,880	4,794	645	914	645	—	—
8. Sale of State Domains	1,000	820	702	—	—	179	298
£P.	250,660	253,748	828	22,459	997	19,371	169
9. Grant-in-Aid of Trans-Jordan ..	72,000	72,000	000	—	—	—	—
10. Grant-in-Aid of Trans-Jordan Frontier Force Expenditure	30,567	29,139	100	—	—	1,427	900
£P.	353,227	354,887	928	22,459	997	20,799	069
Advances		62,975	640				
Imprests		80,149	658				
Deposits		226,543	648				
Loans		—	—				
Remittances		401,949	908				
Joint Colonial Fund		25,500	000				
Total (including opening balance) £P.		1,157,972	196				

Payments.	*Estimates.* £P.	*Payments.* £P.	*Payments.* Mils.	*Over the Estimate.* £P.	*Over the Estimate.* Mils.	*Under the Estimate.* £P.	*Under the Estimate.* Mils.
Heads of Expenditure.							
1. Civil List	14,454	14,480	924	26	924	—	—
2. Public Debt and Loan Charges	591	590	092	—	—	—	908
3. Legislature	3,788	3,870	978	82	978	—	—
4. Pensions and Gratuities ..	5,500	5,430	329	—	—	69	671
5. Chief Minister	3,837	3,745	114	—	—	91	886
6. District Administration ..	7,070	6,913	198	—	—	156	802
7. Ministry of Justice	15,817	15,675	906	—	—	141	094
8. Sharia Courts	3,815	3,726	267	—	—	88	733
9. Finance Department	14,916	14,696	045	—	—	219	955
10. Customs and Excise	7,732	7,408	960	—	—	323	040
11. Public Health Department ..	12,135	11,960	338	—	—	174	662
11a. Ma'an Quarantine	95	—	—	—	—	95	000
12. Education Department ..	23,429	22,388	452	—	—	1,040	548
13. Agriculture, Forests and Veterinary	6,543	5,478	517	—	—	1,064	483
14. Antiquities Department ..	2,700	2,630	202	—	—	69	798
15. Public Works Department ..	4,540	4,487	184	—	—	52	816
15a. Public Works, Recurrent ..	17,500	16,867	740	—	—	632	260
16. Posts and Telegraph Department	12,952	12,886	613	—	—	65	387
17. Lands Department	14,140	13,399	603	—	—	740	397
18. Police and Prisons Department:							
(*a*) Police	100,916	98,124	348	—	—	2,791	652
(*b*) Prisons	12,752	12,401	214	—	—	350	786
19. Miscellaneous	8,958	8,560	829	—	—	397	171
20. British Resident	6,562	6,471	605	—	—	90	395
21. Audit Department	3,483	3,294	912	—	—	188	088
22. Tribal Control Board	1,266	968	104	—	—	297	896
£P.	305,491	296,457	474	109	902	9,143	428
24. Public Works, Extraordinary ..	12,742	11,240	618	—	—	1,501	382
25. Posts and Telegraph, Extraordinary	1,200	867	395	—	—	332	605
26. Police and Prisons, Extraordinary	1,700	2,197	994	497	994	—	—
28. Anti-Locust Campaign ..	1,000	—	—	—	—	1,000	000
29. Boundary Commission ..	3,000	980	672	—	—	2,019	328
£P.	325,133	311,744	153	607	896	13,996	743
Contribution towards the expenditure of the T.J.F.F.							
23. Recurrent	29,815	28,283	483	—	—	1,531	517
27. Extraordinary	752	855	617	103	617	—	—
£P.	355,700	340,883	253	711	513	15,528	260
Advances		58,262	029				
Imprests		79,207	767				
Deposits		222,488	977				
Loans		2,000	000				
Remittances		401,673	132				
Joint Colonial Fund		30,000	000				
Balance as at 31st March, 1933 ..		23,457	038				
Total £P.		1,157,972	196				

Ministry of Finance,
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Treasurer.

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Enclosure 2 in No. 34.

FINANCIAL ADVISER'S MEMORANDUM ON THE ESTIMATES OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE OF THE TRANS-JORDAN ADMINISTRATION FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 1934-35.

REVENUE.

Head I.—Customs and Excise. Net Increase £P.4,200.

The reasons for the steady decline in receipts from Sub-Head 1—Customs Share, Syria, were explained in the covering memorandum to the Estimates for 1933-34.

The increases shown under Sub-Heads 3, 4, 5, and 8 are based on the actual receipts for the first seven months of the present financial year.

Head II.—Licences, Taxes, etc. Net increase £P.1,650.

Sub-Head 3, Licences—Road Transport has been decreased as it is anticipated that the 'Iraq Petroleum Company, whose work is nearing completion, will reduce the number of their motor vehicles before 1934-35.

Under Sub-Head 8, Animal Tax, it has been necessary to reduce the estimated receipts by £P.3,000. The heavy losses of livestock during the last two winters have already been reported on and reference is invited to the Acting British Resident's letter No. 166/4, dated 17th October, 1933, under which a forecast of the anticipated revenue for the financial year 1933-34 was submitted.

Under Sub-Heads 9, 11, 12, 17, and 20 the estimates have been altered to meet the introduction of the new Land Tax in the Liwas of Ma'an, Kerak and the Qada of Tafila. The increase in revenue in those districts during the first year is estimated at £P.1,170. It is hoped that before the commencement of the financial year 1934-35, the Land Tax will be applied to the Belka (i.e., Amman-Es Salt-Nadeba). No provision has been made for increased revenue as the result of the application of the Land Tax to the Belka as it is considered unwise to do so before the final formalities have gone through.

The Temettu Tax (Sub-Head 10) has now been finally repealed.

Sub-Head 18, Licences Trades and Professions. The receipts under this Sub-Head are considerably higher than the original estimate. The estimate for 1934-35 has accordingly been increased by £P.900.

Head III.—Fees of Court or Office, etc. Net decrease £P.150.

The estimated receipts under the various Sub-Heads have been altered in the light of Actual receipts for the first part of the present financial year.

It will be seen that the principal decreases are under (1) Civil Court Fees, (4) Notary Public Fees and (11) Education Fees.

Head IV.—Posts, Telegraphs and Telephones.

The total of the estimated receipts remains unchanged. An interesting feature is the increase in receipts from Telephone Trunk Calls which is due to the improvement in the Telephone Service, both within Trans-Jordan and with the neighbouring territories of Syria and Palestine.

Head V.—Revenue from Government Property. Net Increase £P.550.

The increase in the estimated receipts from Rental Tithe is based partly on the fact that intensive ploughing has been started by the Hweitat on the Government lands of El Shara in the Ma'an district and partly on the actuals for 1932-33 which amounted to approximately £P.1,610.

Head VI.—Interest. Net decrease £P.200.

The decrease under Sub-Head 2 follows the gradual recovery of the Loans.

Sub-Head 4, was overestimated in 1933-34.

A separate report will be submitted at a later date on the position of the Agricultural Loans issued by the Government in 1931 and which are for the most part irrecoverable.

Head VII.—Miscellaneous Receipts. Net Increase £P.750.

The estimated receipts under Sub-Head 2 from the profits of the Palestine Currency Board are less than 6·5 per cent. of the actual profits for the year ended 31st March, 1933, as it is understood that the Treasurer, Palestine, is not satisfied with the basis on which the ex-gratia grant is at present made to Trans-Jordan. When the negotiations on this subject are concluded it will be possible to make a more accurate estimate.

Under Sub-Head 3, the estimated receipts from the Dead Sea Concession has been increased by £P.250.

Head IX. Grant-in-Aid of Trans-Jordan Government.

The grant-in-aid asked for is £P.58,390 which is the equivalent of the approved grant-in-aid for 1933-34 less the estimated cost of the British Resident's Office.

EXPENDITURE.

The estimates of expenditure are submitted in the form in which they were passed by the late Executive Council. In view of the Secretary of State's instructions that the draft estimates should reach him not later than 15th December, it has not been possible for the new Executive Council to examine these estimates in detail. The new Council have, however, agreed to accept the estimates in their present form with the exception of the promotions approved by the late Council, which they wish to reconsider at a later date. The provision for these promotions has been left in the draft estimates as it is improbable that any changes made by the new Council will reduce the total of the estimated Expenditure.

In view of the foregoing no explanation will be given in this memorandum of the reasons for the various promotions at present provided for even in cases where specific reference is made to the memorandum in the detailed schedules of expenditure, which were typed before the decision of the new Council regarding promotions was given.

When the new Council have examined this question their recommendations will be submitted for approval.

The formation of the new Executive Council has affected the establishment of certain departments and the emoluments of certain Government posts. As some of the changes involved have not yet been finally agreed on and as they will not in any case cause an increase in the total of the Government's expenditure, the draft estimates have been left in their original form. A report on the proposed changes will be submitted at a later date.

The following explanations and comments are submitted regarding the changes, other than promotions, which could not be adequately explained in the marginal notes inserted under " Remarks " in the detailed schedules of expenditure:—

Head I.—Civil List.

At the request of His Highness the Amir the Government have made provision for certain sums under " Other Charges " for His Highness's Office. These charges have hitherto been borne by Item 1 (*a*) His Highness's Personal Allotment.

Head VI.—District Administration.

The increase of £P.70 under Item 9, Transport and Travelling, is required to enable District Governors to exercise proper supervision over the activities of Tax-Collectors who were placed under their control on 1st April, 1933.

Head VII.—Ministry of Justice.

Under Items 18 and 36 provision has been made for two additional Orderlies—one to the Court of Appeal and one to the District Court.

Under Items 26 and 32 provision has been made for one additional Member and one additional Clerk for the Court of 1st Instance at Irbid, where the judicial work is falling seriously into arrear.

Item 35 provides for an additional Process Server at Amman. This new post has in fact been sanctioned during the present financial year and the Executive Council's decision to limit the provision to 6 months in 1934-1935 is wrong. This will have to be amended before the estimates are placed before the Legislative Council.

Under Item 39 provision has been made for an additional Magistrate to be stationed at Ma'an. In the past the functions of Magistrate have been carried out by the Qadi in addition to his normal work in the Sharia Court. The arrangement has not proved very satisfactory and the work in the Magistrates Court is increasing.

Head IX.—Ministry of Finance.

The introduction of the new Land Tax has made it possible to cancel the provision for " Tithe Estimation " under Item 23 with the exception of £P.60 which has been retained to cover any State Domains on which Rental Tithe has to be assessed.

Under Item 24, Expenses of Animal Enumeration, an increase of £P.100 has been made as the provision in 1933–1934 was found to be insufficient.

Head X.—Customs and Excise.

Under Item 11, provision has been made for 3 new posts of Head Customs Guards at £P.6 *per mensem*. The work of the Department of Customs and Excise is steadily increasing and this increase in the establishment of Customs Guards is justified.

Head XI.—A Ma'an Quarantine.

In recent years no expenditure has been incurred under this Head owing to the fact that there has been no pilgrim traffic through Ma'an. The Executive Council have consequently decided to delete the provision for this service.

Head XII.—Department of Education.

Under Item 16 provision has been made for 3 masters at £P.9-½-12 for the desert schools of Azrak, Mudawara and Bair.

Under Items 17–18 provision has been made for 4 new masters for the Boys' School at Amman and under Items 25–26 for 2 additional School Mistresses for the Girls' School at Amman. The number of applicants for admission to the Government Schools at Amman is increasing rapidly and a proportionate increase in the staff of the schools is unavoidable.

Under Item 47 provision has been made for 3 more pupils to be sent to the Kadoorie Agricultural School.

Head XIII.—Agriculture, Forests, and Veterinary.

Under Item 10 the provision for 5 gardeners at £P.6 *per mensem* has been cancelled and replaced by provision under Items 11 and 12 of one overseer at £P.17-½-20 and one at £P.9-½-12. A small saving of £P.12 results from this change.

The Director of Agriculture considers that the present system of small nurseries in the districts is unsatisfactory and he is of the opinion that a large central nursery under proper supervision will give better results. It is with this end in view that the changes under Items 10–11–12 have been made.

Head XVI.—Posts, Telegraphs, and Telephones.

The new posts provided for under Items 16–19–22 are required for the installation and operation of the new telephone exchange for which provision has been made under Head XXIV and regarding which a full explanation is given in the section of this memorandum which covers extraordinary expenditure.

Under Item 25 provision is made for three additional linesmen for the upkeep of new telephone routes which are now under construction.

The increase under Item 28, labour is required in connexion with the installation of the new telephone exchange.

The increase under Items 30 and 33 are required for Forage Allowance and Clothing for 3 new linesmen provided for under Item 25.

The increase under Item 35 is to enable the Department of Posts and Telegraphs to establish a daily postal service with Syria. At present the service only runs on 3 days in the week.

Head XVII.—Lands Department.

No change has been made in the establishment of the Department as regards the number of officials and their emoluments. Owing to the completion of Demarcation and Valuation work for fiscal purposes, and the commencement of Land Settlement, changes have been made in the designation of certain posts. Reference to these changes have been made under " Remarks " in the detailed schedules of Expenditure.

Under Other Charges it has been necessary to increase the provision for Item 36—Survey Marks to meet the requirements of Land Settlement Work.

Head XVIII.—Police and Prisons.—(A) Police.

Under Items 15 to 18 the establishment of the Desert Patrol W/T Service has been reclassified at a slightly increased cost of £P.12 per annum. No increase has been made in the number of operators and the Officer Commanding the Arab Legion considers that this reclassification will result in increased efficiency.

Provision has been made under Item 30 for the promotion to the rank of Mulazim Thani of one Wakil of the Desert Patrol from Item 32. The Wakil in question is responsible for the Desert area through which the Iraq Petroleum Company's pipe line has been laid and this has greatly increased the responsibilities of the post.

Under Item 50 the provision for Desert Allowance to W/T Operators has been increased to meet the payment of this allowance to the operators who will be stationed at Jebel Rum and Charandal where it is proposed to establish W/T stations—*vide* the section of this memorandum covering Head XXV—Police and Prisons Extraordinary.

Item 51 provides for menials for Desert Posts. These are necessary as the Bedu members of the Desert Patrol will not do scavenging work.

With regard to the cancellation of the post of Legal Adviser under Item 54, it is perhaps necessary to mention that the late Executive Council acted on a recommendation made by the Officer Commanding the Arab Legion to the Chief Minister in a letter dated the 8th of November, 1933. On the 25th of November the Officer Commanding the Arab Legion wrote to the Financial Adviser stating that he could not agree to the abolition of this post. The British Resident subsequently instructed that the original recommendation to abolish the post should nevertheless be acted on.

Under Other Charges the late Executive Council decided to reduce the provision under a number of items. The reductions are clearly set forth in the detailed schedule of expenditure.

All the decreases made leave the provision slightly higher than the actual expenditure for 1932–33 but these decreases have not been agreed to by the Officer Commanding the Arab Legion excepting where his agreement is specifically referred to in the marginal notes on the schedule.

The reductions are nevertheless fully justified and Item 63 Clothing may be taken as an example. The provision approved by the Executive Council is £P.6,600. The actual expenditure in 1931–32 was £P.5,433 and in 1932–33 £P.6,275.

Certain increases have on the other hand been accepted by the Executive Council to meet actual requirements.

Head XVIII.—(B) Prisons.

The remarks made above in regard to Police—Other Charges are also applicable to Prisons—Other Charges. As an example, the position as regards Item 10 Clothing, Prisoners, is that the Executive Council have agreed to provide £P.750 for this service and the actual expenditure in 1931–32 was £P.584 and in 1932–33 £P.597.

Head XIX.—Miscellaneous.

Item 8, Printing and Stationery has been increase by £P.400. This increase is necessary to meet the demands of the Ministry of Justice resulting from the reorganization of the filing system in the Courts throughout the country.

Head XX.—Audit Department.

The reorganization of the staff of this department is based on proposals submitted by the Auditor but does not however meet all the Auditor's requirements. The opinion expressed by the late Executive Council was that the Government's financial position does not permit of any increase in the cost of the Audit Department. This opinion is not however unbiased. The Auditor has submitted a copy of his proposals to the British Resident and it is suggested that a ruling should be given as to whether the Trans-Jordan Government should be asked to reconsider the decision of the late Council in this matter.

Item 13 Transport and Travelling was reduced by the late Executive Council to £P.203. The Auditor's proposals included £P.400 for this service. Actual expenditure under this Item in 1931–32 was £P.341 and in 1932–33 £P.192.

Head XXI.—Tribal Control Board.

The late Executive Council were of the opinion that the post of clerk at £P.17-½-20 under Item 2 is no longer essential. They based their opinion on the belief that most of the work is carried out by the Desert Patrol and they considered that the clerical work involved can be borne by the normal clerical establishment of the Arab Legion. The Officer Commanding the Arab Legion does not agree with this opinion.

EXTRAORDINARY EXPENDITURE.

Head XXIII.—Public Works Extraordinary.

The provision under Items 1, 2, 3, 6, 7, 10, 16, 17 and 18, is for the continuation of works which have already been sanctioned.

The remaining Items have been carefully selected from a long list of urgent works and the only detailed remarks considered necessary are the following:—

Item 14. The present prison at Jerash is in a most unsatisfactory condition both from the point of view of health and security. The building is rented and the owner refuses to effect any alterations; there are no other suitable buildings at Jerash. As it would be unsound to spend money out of Government funds on a building which is not Government property it is proposed that the building should be expropriated and that further provision should be made in 1935-36 for the necessary alterations.

Item 15. It is perhaps necessary to state why provision is made for the "Completion" of an outpost of which no mention has been made in the estimates of previous years and on which no money has so far been spent.

The outpost building at Kreima has been built of mud brick by the men of the outpost assisted by the local inhabitants. Provision is now required for making and fitting doors and windows.

Item 19. The Road to the Zerka Ma'een baths was opened by village labour and is passable for light cars. It is however very narrow, steep and dangerous and it has not been possible to build culverts. The baths will, it is hoped, prove to be a source of considerable revenue to the Government if they are developed and the first stage of development is the improvement of the road.

Item 20. His Highness the Amir has an Office in the town of Amman which he attends daily to deal with Government business. His Highness, for financial reasons, has not been able to furnish the Office in a style becoming to his position and has asked the Government to provide the necessary furniture.

Head XXIV.—Posts and Telegraphs Extraordinary.

Provision has been made under this Head for the purchase of a new central battery telephone exchange.

Reference is invited to the memorandum on the draft estimates for 1933-34, Head XXV, in which it was explained that it was proposed to purchase a telephone exchange for £P.700. This was the original proposal made by the Postmaster General Trans-Jordan and the exchange then under consideration was of the Magneto Type. It was subsequently decided to take the advice of the Chief Engineer, Department of Posts, Telegraphs and Telephones, Palestine. That Officer has visited Amman and inspected the telephone system. His report is that the trunk lines and local lines are good and that the exchange Amman is the only real defect. He strongly advises the use of the Central Battery system which in addition to the exchange will necessitate changing the type of telephone. His preliminary estimate of the cost is £P.3,000.

The idea of installing another magneto exchange has consequently been abandoned and approval is now sought for the purchase of a central battery exchange which it is believed will meet local requirements for the next 10 years.

Head XXV.—Police and Prisons Extraordinary.

Under Item 1 provision has been made for the replacement of 6 Ford Cars of the Desert Patrol. The very heavy work to which these cars are subjected in country where no roads exist makes it essential that a certain number of cars should be replaced in order that the Force may carry out its duties efficiently.

Item 2 provides for the purchase of two additional W/T sets which are to be located at Jebel Rum, where a fort is being constructed, and at Gharandal where a permanent post is maintained.

Head XXVI.—Expropriation of Land.

A Government Agricultural Station exists at Ruseifa on land taken on a two year lease which expires in October, 1934. It is most desirable that such a station should be situated on land which is owned by the Government and no irrigated Government land is available for this purpose. The proposal is to expropriate 48½ Dunms of irrigated land at Ruseifa which will include the present Agricultural station.

Enclosure 3 in No. 34.

4th December, 1933.

YOUR EXCELLENCY,

I have the honour to submit herewith the following statements relating to the draft Estimates of the Revenue and Expenditure of the Trans-Jordan Administration for the Financial Year 1934-35, with a covering memorandum by the Financial Adviser.

(A) An Abstract Statement of Estimated Revenue.
(B) An Abstract Statement of Estimated Expenditure.
(C) A Summary showing the Estimated Surplus on the 31st of March, 1935.
(D) A Statement of the Assets and Liabilities of the Trans-Jordan Administration as at the 31st March, 1933.
(E) Detailed Schedules of the Estimated Revenue and Expenditure.

2. The estimated expenditure, excluding the Trans-Jordan Frontier Force, amounts to £P.323,360 and the estimated revenue, excluding grants-in-aid, to £P.266,300, leaving a deficit of £P.57,060 between the local revenues and expenditure of the Trans-Jordan Administration.

On the advice of the Financial Adviser the Executive Council endeavoured to maintain a small surplus in addition to the normal working balance of £P.4,000 without asking for an increase in the grant-in-aid and the grant-in-aid asked for by the Executive Council is £P.58,390 which is the equivalent of the approved grant-in-aid for 1933-34 less the estimated cost of the British Resident's Office which, in accordance with the instructions conveyed in the Secretary of State's telegram No. 106 of the 19th October, 1933*, has not been included in the general Estimates.

Your Excellency will see from enclosure (C) that this will leave the Trans-Jordan Administration with a surplus of £P.5,410 at the 31st March, 1935, which is £P.1,410 in excess of the normal working balance of £P.4,000. I recommend that this sum should be left in reserve as a basic provision for relief works or other emergency expenditure.

3. With regard to revenue, I have nothing to add to the explanation of the various changes which is given in the Financial Adviser's memorandum.

I wish, however, to repeat the statement made in paragraph 3 of my letter No. 4668 of the 26th October, 1933, that the revenue estimates are conservative. In my opinion there is sufficient margin, without counting on any additional revenue from the share of Palestine Currency profits or from the Customs share paid by the Palestine Government, for the remission of taxes up to £P.3,000, should circumstances necessitate such a measure of relief.

4. As regards Expenditure, the Financial Adviser has explained in his memorandum the circumstances in which the estimates were passed by the late Executive Council and the attitude of the new Council. A report on the decision regarding promotions and on the changes resulting from the change of Government will be submitted as soon as possible.

I submit the following recommendations regarding certain questions of principle which arise from the particulars given in the section of the Financial Adviser's memorandum covering the estimates of expenditure:—

Head I.—Civil List. Other Charges.—It has been a cause of continual complaint by members of his staff that the Amir frequently sends for them in a hurry or sends them on messages for him and expects them to pay the cost of journey from their own pockets. This puts them to considerable and unjustifiable expense and provision of £P.50 to meet these expenses is made in Item 11.

Items 12 and 13 are on account of His Highness's office in the town which he visits every day and where his staff work.

Head XVIII.—Arab Legion.—As regards Item 54 of Head XVIII (A), the Officer Commanding the Arab Legion wished to withdraw his proposal that the post of Legal Adviser should be cancelled when it was pointed out to him, in connexion with the prosecutions being carried out against participants in the disturbances of the 31st October, 1933, that it was a direct concern of the Police to take a lively interest in the preparation of such cases and in following them through to sentence and, if necessary, appeal.

* No. 31.

In view of the excellent course of lectures arranged at the initiative of the Judicial Adviser and given by him and the President of the Court of Appeal during the last 12 months to a number of officers and men of the Arab Legion, and in view of the practical experience which a selected number of these officers and other ranks have since gained in the offices of Public Prosecutors, I considered that the Officer Commanding the Arab Legion's proposal to maintain the post was unjustified.

It will be seen from the remarks column of the Abstract of Expenditure that the reductions made in a number of items are based on the actuals of last year and from the Financial Adviser's covering memorandum it will be seen that a number of these decreases have not been agreed to by the Officer Commanding the Arab Legion.

I concur in the opinion of the Financial Adviser that the reductions are justified.

Head XX.—Audit Department.—The recommendations made by the Auditor have not been agreed to by the Executive Council in their entirety, but provision has been made for the following additions to the establishment:—

1 Clerk at £P.17–½–20
1 ,, ,, 13–½–16
1 ,, ,, 6–½– 8

and I am of opinion that the Auditor should rest satisfied with this for at least one year.

As regards Item 13, Transport and Travelling. I do not consider the Executive Council are justified in reducing the provision of £P.203 and recommend that Your Excellency should instruct me to desire the Executive Council to increase it to £P.400, that being the sum recommended by the Auditor.

Head XXI.—Tribal Control Board.—I have advised the Officer Commanding the Arab Legion to approach the new Executive Council with a view to obtaining their agreement to the need to maintain the post of clerk at £P.17–½–20 and will inform Your Excellency of the result in due course.

With regard to the other changes, I endorse the action of the Executive Council.

5. Subsequent to the approval of the draft Estimates by the Executive Council and their preparation by the Financial Adviser on that basis, it has become necessary to consider provision for the following services:—

	£P.
(1) Temporary increase to Civil List	2,000
(2) His Highness the Amir's journey to England	1,000
(3) Three troop carriers for Arab Legion	1,000

In regard to Items 1 and 2 Your Excellency has already addressed the Secretary of State in your telegram No. 118* and in your Secret despatch of the 25th of November, 1933†, and has recommended that the additional expense should be met by increasing the grant-in-aid from £P.58,390 to £P.61,390.

With regard to the troop carriers I have not yet obtained the details of cost from the Officer Commanding the Arab Legion but am assured that the cost of the three cars will not exceed £P.1,000.

I would invite reference to the remarks in the Financial Adviser's memorandum regarding the Trans-Jordan Government's share of the profits of the Palestine Currency Board. This question is still under discussion between the Treasurer of the Palestine Government and the Financial Adviser and, although a final agreement has not yet been reached as to the revised basis on which Trans-Jordan's share is to be calculated, it is certain that there will be a substantial increase both in the payment for the current year and for the coming financial year as well.

I must also inform Your Excellency that a claim for a further increase in Trans-Jordan's share of Palestine Customs receipts will shortly be presented.

Although the additional revenue from these two sources may be expected to cover the additional expenditure of £P.4,000, referred to in Items 1, 2, and 3 above whilst leaving the grant-in-aid at £P.58,390, it is, nevertheless, urgently requested that the grant-in-aid may be raised to £P.61,390 as suggested and that the additional revenue, when it accrues, may be used for some of these items of urgent expenditure which, in loyal response to the annual demand for curtailment of the grant-in-aid, it has been necessary to postpone.

* 17745/33 [No. 1]: not printed. † 17745/33 [No. 3]: not printed.

The Director of Health of the Palestine Government, acting as Your Excellency's adviser, has year after year drawn attention to the need for further expenditure on Public Health, whilst the Mandates Commission has remarked upon the unsatisfactory position disclosed by the vital statistics.

Trans-Jordan is now served by a satisfactory system of roads, most of which have been constructed during the past decade, but these are falling into disrepair for want of funds to properly maintain them and reconstruct them in part.

Money provided for afforestation and improvement of agriculture in all its branches could be spent to excellent purpose but the Department is miserably starved.

Whilst as regards the Department of Justice and Education the addition of personnel which has been under discussion for years is still impossible for lack of funds.

Should any balance remain after making some provision for these services it should be earmarked for meeting remissions of taxes if the £P.3,000, referred to in paragraph 3, proves insufficient.

6. With regard to the estimated surplus at 31st March, 1934, as shown in enclosure (C), I have already explained in my letter No. 4668 that the difference between the present figure of £P.4,080 and the forecast of £P.4,430 given in the enclosure to my letter No. 166/4 dated the 17th October, 1933, is the £P.350 provided for the Committee set up under the authority of Your Excellency's letter of the 16th of October, 1933*.

As regards the Abstract Statement of Expenditure (enclosure B), the items shown under the forecast for 1933-34 which do not appear under the column of approved estimates for that year were authorized as follows:—

Head XXIII.—Public Works Extraordinary.—The increase is on account of Relief Works authorized in the Secretary of State's telegram No. 110 of the 2nd November, 1933†.

Head XXV.—Police and Prisons Extraordinary.—£P.190 for the purchase of a trailer caravan authorized in the Secretary of State's despatch No. 141 of the 6th October, 1933‡.

£P.300 for the purchase of arms authorized in Secretary of State's Confidential despatch (3) of the 25th August, 1933§.

Head XXVI.—Agriculture Extraordinary.—£P.300 for the planting of date palms at Azraq, authorized in Your Excellency's letter No. T./361/33 of the 7th September, 1933.

£P.350 cost of the Committee authorized in Your Excellency's letter No. TC/62/33 of the 16th October, 1933*.

Ministry of Finance Extraordinary.—£P.500 for assessment of House and Land Tax authorized in the Secretary of State's telegram No. 113 of the 16th November, 1933‖.

I have, &c.,
C. H. F. Cox,
British Resident.

His Excellency,
The High Commissioner for Trans-Jordan,
Jerusalem.

17729/33 [No. 12]. No. 35.

TRANS-JORDAN.

THE SECRETARY OF STATE

to

THE HIGH COMMISSIONER.

[*Answered by No. 39.*]

(Confidential.)

SIR, Downing Street, 19th January, 1934.

I have the honour to refer to your confidential despatch of the 13th of December, 1933¶, submitting the draft Estimates of the Trans-Jordan Administration for the financial year 1934/35.

2. It is observed from paragraphs 2 and 7 of your despatch that it is not possible to present the Estimates in their final form until the new Executive Council have been

* 17798/33 [No. 44]: not printed. † 17734/33 [No. 4]: not printed.
‡ 17798/33 [No. 35]: not printed. § 17798/33 [No. 26]: not printed.
‖ 17798/33 [No. 41]: not printed. ¶ No. 34.

able to examine them in detail. In these circumstances it is not proposed to seek the approval of the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury for the Estimates in their present form; but after consideration in the Colonial Office of the figures submitted, and in view of the general survey of the position given in your despatch and the enclosures thereto, their Lordships are being asked to agree that, pending the examination of the final Estimates, a grant-in-aid of £61,400 should be provided for in the Colonial and Middle Eastern Services Vote for 1934/35. I enclose for your information a copy of a letter* to the Treasury on the subject, and I should be glad if you would take steps to expedite the submission of the final Estimates so that their Lordships' approval thereof may be obtained as soon as possible.

3. While I think that the position disclosed in your despatch justifies me in asking the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury to agree that, pending the examination of the final Estimates, a sum of £61,400 should be provided for the grant-in-aid, I should prefer the final Estimates to be submitted in a somewhat modified form.

4. In the first place I suggest that the Trans-Jordan Government should budget for a surplus of £4,000 at the 31st March, 1935. This could be effected by a further reduction of revenue by £1,410 as recommended in paragraph 3 of your despatch on account of possible remissions of taxation. I suggest also that the Trans-Jordan Government should insert, as separate items under Extraordinary Expenditure, provision for (a) relief works, etc., and (b) any of the non-recurrent expenditure on horticulture and school gardens referred to in paragraph 6 of your despatch which you may think the position justifies. In addition the provision under Head I Customs and Excise, Subhead 2 and Head VII, Miscellaneous Receipts, Subhead 2, of the Revenue Estimates should, if possible, be increased by the inclusion of the additional revenue (based on the best estimate at present available) anticipated from the Palestine Customs receipts and the Palestine Currency Board's profits. The items of expenditure on relief works and agricultural services referred to above would be included in the Estimates on the understanding that they are round figures only and that before any expenditure is actually incurred on these items detailed proposals would be submitted for Treasury approval.

5. If the method suggested in the preceding paragraph is adopted, the final Estimates, which would of course include the additional expenditure recommended in paragraph 5 of your despatch, would be presented in a completely balanced form for submission to the Treasury.

6. It is observed from paragraph 3 of your despatch that the estimate of receipts from income-tax is based on the assumption that the tax will be collected from members of the Trans-Jordan Frontier Force. The question of the application of the Trans-Jordan Income-Tax Law to the Trans-Jordan Frontier Force is at present under consideration, but meanwhile it is considered that the safest course would be to estimate the receipts from income-tax on the assumption that the tax will not be collected from members of the Force. According to the information contained in your telegram, No. 128 of the 28th of December, 1933†, this will reduce the estimate of receipts from income-tax by £1,000.

7. I will telegraph to you the reply which is received from the Treasury to the letter which has been addressed to them.

I have, &c.,
PLYMOUTH
(for the Secretary of State).

17729/33 [No. 13].

No. 36.

COLONIAL OFFICE
to
TREASURY.

[Answered by No. 37.]

Downing Street, 19th January, 1934.

SIR,

I am directed to refer to the letter from this Department of the 14th of November, 1933‡, regarding the Estimates for the Trans-Jordan Administration for the year 1934-35, and to transmit to you, to be laid before the Lords Commissioners

* No. 36. † 17785/33 [No. 11]: not printed. ‡ No. 33.

of the Treasury, a copy of a despatch from the High Commissioner for Trans-Jordan*, enclosing the detailed Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure, together with a copy of an explanatory memorandum by the Financial Adviser and of a letter from the British Resident at Amman commenting on the Estimates.

2. It will be observed that the High Commissioner asks that the grant-in-aid of the Trans-Jordan Administration for 1934-35 may be fixed at £61,400. This figure represents the grant-in-aid asked for by the Trans-Jordan Government plus £3,000, by which sum it is proposed to increase the Civil List of the Amir Abdullah for the year 1934-35. As regards the proposed increase of the Amir Abdullah's Civil List, attention is invited to Colonial Office letter of the 14th of December, 1933†, and to Mr. Grieve's letter (No. S.30322) of the 2nd of January‡. The High Commissioner has been requested to furnish more definite information regarding the extraordinary expenditure anticipated next year in connexion with the engagement and marriage of King Ghazi and the Amir Tallal.

3. It will be observed from paragraphs 2 and 7 of the High Commissioner's despatch that the Estimates as now submitted are not in their final form, and that certain alterations may be necessary when the new Executive Council have been able to examine the Estimates in detail. The appointment of a new Council was recently decided upon for important political reasons, and the details were reported in the High Commissioner's despatch of the 30th of November, 1933§, a copy of which accompanied this Department's letter of the 20th of December‖. Nevertheless after consideration of the Estimates in their present form and of the general survey of the position given by the High Commissioner, and particularly having regard to the necessity (which was emphasized in Treasury letter No. S.35961/01/33 of the 13th of October, 1933¶, that allowance for possible remissions of taxation should be made in the Estimates, the Secretary of State feels justified in requesting that the grant-in-aid for 1934-35 should, pending the receipt of the final Estimates, be fixed at £61,400.

4. I am to enclose herewith a copy of a despatch** to the High Commissioner for Trans-Jordan requesting him to expedite the submission of the Estimates in a final and somewhat modified form, and these will be submitted to their Lordships for approval as soon as practicable.

5. Pending receipt of the final figures it is not proposed to comment in detail on the Estimates which accompany this letter. I am, however, to observe with reference to the last sub-paragraph of paragraph 3 of the High Commissioner's despatch that doubt has arisen regarding the application of the Trans-Jordan Income-Tax Law to the Trans-Jordan Frontier Force. This question is being considered separately and a letter will be addressed to you on the subject as soon as possible. If the final decision is that the tax should not be collected from members of the Trans-Jordan Frontier Force, the present provision under Head II, Sub-Head 19 of the Revenue Estimates namely, £5,500, will be reduced by some £1,000, and it will be observed from paragraph 6 of the accompanying despatch that it has been suggested to the High Commissioner that the safer course would be to proceed on the assumption that the tax will not be collected from members of the Force. If a contrary decision is reached no difficulty will arise, since additional revenue of approximately £1,000 will be forthcoming. In this connexion attention is invited to the correspondence ending with the letter from this Department of the 22nd of June, 1933††.

6. I am to request that, pending the receipt of the Estimates in their final form, their Lordships will sanction the inclusion of a sum of £61,400 in the Colonial and Middle Eastern Services Vote for 1934-35 as the Grant-in-Aid of the Trans-Jordan Administration.

I am, &c.,
O. G. R. WILLIAMS.

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* No. 34. † 17745/33 [No. 4]: not printed. ‡ 37745/34 [No. 1]: not printed.
§ 17757/33 [No. 2]: not printed. ‖ 17757/33 [No. 3]: not printed.
¶ 17722/33 [No. 38]: not printed. ** No. 35. †† 17785/33 [No. 6]: not printed.

37729/34 [No. 1].

No. 37.

TREASURY

to

COLONIAL OFFICE.

[*Answered by No. 41.*]

(S.35961/01/34.)

SIR, Treasury Chambers, 15th February, 1934.

I have laid before the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury Mr. Williams' letter of the 19th January, 1934*, and the accompanying copy of a despatch† from the High Commissioner for Trans-Jordan, enclosing detailed Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure for the Trans-Jordan Administration for the year 1934-35. I am now to request you to convey to the Secretary of State the following reply.

2. My Lords note that the Estimates now submitted are not in final form; and that the High Commissioner has been asked to expedite the submission of amended Estimates. Meanwhile, the Secretary of State and the High Commissioner propose that a sum of £61,400 should be inserted in the 1934-35 Estimate for Colonial and Middle Eastern Services as a Grant-in-Aid of the Trans-Jordan Administration. The High Commissioner points out in paragraph 8 of his despatch that the Grant-in-Aid of £58,390 originally asked for represented a reduction of the grant for the current year by the cost of the British Resident's Office, which is to be provided for on a separate subhead of the Colonial and Middle Eastern Services Estimate. The Trans-Jordan Estimates were, however, framed before the necessity came to light for the temporary increase of £3,000 in the Amir's Civil List. This increase brings the amount required as a Grant-in-Aid up to approximately £61,400.

3. My Lords cannot agree that the Grant-in-Aid for next year should be fixed merely by reference to the assistance given during the current year. As stated in Treasury letter of the 18th August, 1933‡ (S.35961/01/33), they had hoped that the increased receipts from Palestine Customs collections would enable the Trans-Jordan Administration to make a substantial reduction in its calls upon the Imperial Exchequer.

4. The Estimates for 1934-35, as originally drafted, show the following totals (exclusive of Trans-Jordan Frontier Force Heads):—

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Revenue	266,300
Expenditure	323,360
Deficit	£57,060

5. Further expenditure of £3,000 on the Amir's Civil List would bring the deficit up to £60,060.

6. In addition, the High Commissioner proposes, in paragraph 5 of his despatch, certain other increases. These increases, amounting in all to £1,437, can, he states, be met from the increased share to be paid to Trans-Jordan from the Palestine receipts from Customs and from Currency profits.

7. There appears to be little doubt that the increased receipts from Palestine will be more than sufficient to meet not only this additional expenditure of £1,437 but also the possible short-fall of £1,000 in Income Tax receipts referred to in paragraph 5 of the letter under reply. In the case of Currency profits, My Lords note that the Trans-Jordan Estimates as drafted include a figure of £4,000 for this item but that the amount provided as Trans-Jordan's share in the draft Estimates for Palestine (page 144) is £6,500.

8. In view of the probable increased revenue from these sources, My Lords would be disposed in normal circumstances to provide a Grant-in-Aid of a smaller amount than the sum of £60,000 shown in paragraph 5 above as the prospective deficit. They cannot,

* No. 36. † No. 34. ‡ No. 42 in Middle East, No. 48.

however, overlook the fact that the requirements in recent years under the heads of Tax Remission and Relief Expenditure have been considerably greater than the margins available for these purposes in the provisional Estimates for 1934-35. The British Resident, in paragraph 3 of his despatch of the 4th December*, states that the draft Revenue Estimates are conservative and that there is sufficient margin for remission of taxes, if necessary, up to £3,000. To this sum may be added the anticipated surplus of £1,410 (over and above the working balance of £4,000) referred to in paragraph 3 of the High Commissioner's despatch. The margin thus becomes £4,410.

9. Emergency expenditure in recent years has, however, been greatly in excess of this amount. During the current year tax remissions of nearly £15,000 and relief measures costing some £3,000 have been sanctioned (Treasury Letters S.35961/01/33 of the 13th†, 26th†, and 31st‡ October, 1933, and S.37503 of the 29th January, 1934§). In 1932-33, tax remissions of over £8,000 and relief expenditure of £6,500 were sanctioned (Treasury Letters S.37503 of the 12th September, 1932‖, and the 28th January, 1933¶). In 1931-32, tax remissions of over £12,000 were sanctioned, following upon an invasion of locusts (Treasury Letter S.32671/2 of the 25th January, 1932**).

10. In view of this experience, My Lords are prepared to provide a larger Grant-in-Aid than They would otherwise consider necessary and They will cause the sum of £60,000 to be inserted in the Estimate for Colonial and Middle Eastern Services. They trust that every effort will be made by curtailing expenditure to increase the margin available for emergency measures in the event of a bad harvest, a locust invasion, or other calamity. Further consideration will be given to this matter when more definite information is available as to the probable additional revenue accruing to Trans-Jordan during 1934-35 in respect of Palestine Customs receipts and Currency profits.

11. My Lords note that, pending receipt of final figures, the Secretary of State does not comment in detail on the Trans-Jordan Estimates as originally submitted. My Lords similarly reserve any detailed observations until a later stage. They feel bound, however, to draw attention at this stage to the increasing expenditure disclosed in the preliminary Estimates. The provision for ordinary or non-recurrent expenditure in the typed Estimates now submitted is £309,660. This total is approximately £20,000 in excess of the actual expenditure for 1932-33 (excluding the cost of the British Resident's staff) and nearly £40,000 in excess of the expenditure in each of the three years 1928-29 to 1930-31.

12. This expansion of expenditure has taken place during a period when tax remission on a considerable scale has been necessary; and My Lords consider that additional expenditure cannot now be entertained unless it can be clearly justified by reference to the revenue position, and to the degree of assistance which His Majesty's Government may reasonably afford to Trans-Jordan.

13. My Lords will await the submission of final Estimates for the Trans-Jordan Administration. They will be glad to be furnished at the same time with a revised forecast of the probable out-turn for the year 1933-34.

14. In conclusion, I am to refer to Treasury Letter S.38628 of the 15th December, 1933††, regarding a scheme for borrowing £30,000 from the Government of Palestine, to be re-lent to the Agricultural Bank in Trans-Jordan for the purpose of making seed loans to cultivators, and to enquire whether this scheme is being proceeded with. My Lords assume that, in any event, no net charge is expected to fall upon the 1934-35 Trans-Jordan Budget under the scheme.

I am, &c.,

R. V. NIND HOPKINS.

* Enclosure 3 in No. 34.
† 17722/33 [Nos. 38 and 39]: not printed.
‡ 17734/33 [No. 3]: not printed.
§ 37734/34 [No. 6]: not printed.
‖ No. 95 in Middle East, No. 45.
¶ 17722/33 [No. 4]: not printed.
** No. 196 in Middle East, No. 38.
†† 17751/33 [No. 4]: not printed.

37729/34 [No. 3]. No. 38.

TRANS-JORDAN.

THE SECRETARY OF STATE

to

THE HIGH COMMISSIONER.

[*Answered by No. 39.*]

(Confidential.)

Downing Street, 23rd February, 1934.

SIR,

With reference to my confidential despatch of the 19th of January* and my telegram No. 9 of the 23rd of February† regarding the draft Estimates of the Trans-Jordan Administration for the financial year 1934/35, I have the honour to transmit to you, for your information and consideration, a copy of a letter‡ received from the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury in reply to the letter which was addressed to them on the 19th of January§.

The Lords Commissioners of the Treasury have intimated informally that, while they have agreed to insert the sum of £60,000 in the Vote for Colonial and Middle Eastern Services as the grant-in-aid of the Trans-Jordan Administration for 1934/35, they reserve the right to consider later whether it will be necessary to issue the grant in full or not.

I have, &c.,

PLYMOUTH.

For the Secretary of State.

* No. 35. † 37729/34 [No. 2]: not printed. ‡ No. 37. § No. 36.

37729/34 [No. 4]. No. 39.

TRANS-JORDAN.

THE HIGH COMMISSIONER

to

THE SECRETARY OF STATE.

(Received 9th April, 1934.)

[*Answered by No. 42.*]

(Confidential.)

High Commissioner's Office, Jerusalem,

SIR, 29th March, 1934.

I have the honour to refer to your confidential despatch of the 23rd February, 1934* and previous correspondence on the subject of the Estimates of the Trans-Jordan Administration for the financial year 1934-35, and to transmit herewith revised draft Estimates, accompanied by a memorandum prepared by the Financial Adviser to the Trans-Jordan Government and an explanatory letter, No. 4668 of the 24th March, addressed to me by the British Resident, Amman.

The Estimates are presented in the form of abstract statements of revenue and expenditure, a detailed schedule of revenue, and a detailed schedule of expenditure under those Heads in which changes have been made from the estimates enclosed in my Confidential despatch of the 13th December, 1933†.

2. The financial position, excluding expenditure on the Trans-Jordan Frontier Force and receipt of an equivalent sum as a grant for that service, may be summarized as follows:—

	£P.	£P.
Estimated surplus, 31st March, 1934	17,117	
Estimated revenue, 1934-35—local	269,870	
Estimated revenue, 1934-35—Grants from Colonial Development Fund	1,300	
		288,287
Estimated expenditure, 1934-35—Ordinary	312,152	
Estimated expenditure, 1934-35—Extraordinary	30,635	
Estimated expenditure, 1934-35—Colonial Development Fund Grants	1,500	
Required as working balance at 31st March, 1935	4,000	
		348,287

The deficit, to cover which the grant-in-aid is required, is consequently £P.60,000.

3. The principal differences between the revised draft estimates and the original draft are noted below:—

REVENUE.

The estimated receipts from Customs have been increased by £P.5,000 in view of the revised arrangement for the calculation of the share paid to Trans-Jordan of Customs Duties collected in Palestine, approval of which was given in your telegram No. 17 of the 9th March‡.

The possibility of increasing the margin available for emergency measures in the event of a bad harvest or other calamity has been reconsidered as suggested in paragraph 10 of Treasury letter No. S.35961/01/34 of the 15th February||, and the estimated receipts from House and Land Tax, Road Tax, Tithes, Consolidated Tax, and Land Tax have been reduced to allow for the remission, in case of necessity, of £P.6,000. The estimate of Animal Tax revenue has been reduced by £P.1,000 in the light of the latest information available regarding losses of live stock.

In accordance with paragraph 6 of your Confidential despatch of the 19th January¶ the anticipated receipts from income-tax have been reduced by £P.1,000 on the assumption that the tax will not be collected from members of the Trans-Jordan Frontier Force. From data now available, however, it appears that the receipts from the remainder of the population will exceed the first estimate and the net reduction made in the present revised Estimates is £P.500.

* No. 38. † No. 34. ‡ 38156/34 [No. 2]: not printed. || No. 37. ¶ No. 35.

The estimate of receipts from the profits of the Palestine Currency Board has been increased by £P.1,000. Although provision has been made in the Palestine Estimates for the payment to Trans-Jordan of £P.6,500 on this account the Treasurer, Palestine, advises that in estimating the Trans-Jordan revenue it would be safer to take a more conservative figure, namely, £P.5,000.

EXPENDITURE.

It has been found essential to increase the provision for Pensions by £P.600. A nominal roll of pensioners is annexed.

The provision for gratuities has been increased by £P.800 to cover payments to three British officers whose position it is proposed to adjust by new contracts of service. A separate despatch will shortly be addressed to you on this subject.

Provision has been made for the appointment of an additional British officer in the Arab Legion with effect from the 1st October, 1934. Reference to this proposal was made in my despatch Secret B of the 23rd February, 1934*. Since the matter was considered by the Trans-Jordan Government, the Inspector-General of the Palestine Police has recommended a candidate for the post from the British Section of the Police and if this or any other local candidate proves to be suitable, I hope that it will be possible to advance the date of the appointment. I shall, however, address you further on this subject in a separate despatch in due course.

The provision for the post of Legal Adviser, Arab Legion, which it was thought at the time the Estimates were first drafted might be abolished, has been re-inserted: the British Resident proposes that this officer should also act as lecturer in law at the Police School.

Similarly provision has been re-inserted, at a lower grade than hitherto, for the salary of the clerk to the Tribal Control Board.

The proposal to instal a new telephone exchange at Amman has been deferred for the present, in view of the more urgent need for relief measures on a considerable scale, and the provision under Posts and Telegraphs Extraordinary has been reduced by £P.2,500.

Provision has been made under Police and Prisons, Extraordinary, for the purchase of troop-carrying cars for the Arab Legion as proposed in paragraph 5 of my despatch of the 13th December†.

The additional £P.3,000 proposed to be added for one year only to the Civil List of His Highness the Amir (*vide* your telegram No. 2 of the 13th January, 1934‡), have been provided under a new head, His Highness the Amir, Extraordinary.

A further new Extraordinary Head, Relief Measures, 1934, has been created to make the necessary provision for expenditure on the relief works and on the issue of grants for the purchase of seed and animals, full particulars of which were set out in my Confidential despatch of the 12th March‖. The total estimated cost of the measures in 1934–35 is £P.14,380.

4. Other changes in relation to the approved Estimates for 1933–34 and to the draft Estimates enclosed in my Confidential despatch of the 13th December are explained in the " Remarks " columns of the schedules, in the Financial Adviser's memorandum and in the British Resident's letter.

With regard to a number of promotions included in the Estimates I have to explain that these will not be put into effect until the Heads of the Trans-Jordan Departments concerned have satisfied the Government in each individual case that there is justification for the promotion. In this connexion I enclose the translation of a circular issued by the Trans-Jordan Government. Special mention is necessary of the case of the Inspector of Customs. This officer is Abul Nasser Effendi, regarding whom I have expressed the view in my Confidential despatch of the 31st January¶, that he would not prove suitable as Director of that Department on the retirement of Mr. Turner. None the less he is, as stated therein, a capable official who bears considerable responsibility, and I am satisfied that the proposed promotion is justified.

The changes resulting from the reconstitution of the Executive Council, particulars of which were given in my Secret despatch of the 30th November, 1933**, have now been incorporated in the draft Estimates with one alteration, namely, the regrading of the post of Secretary to the Chief Minister from the scale £P.32–1–37 a month to the scale £P.38–2–46.

* 37790/34 [No. 1]: not printed. † No. 34. ‡ 37745/34 [No. 2]: not printed.
‖ 37734/34 [No. 15]: not printed. ¶ 37753/34 [No. 1]: not printed.
** 17757/33 [No. 2]: not printed.

I am in agreement with the views expressed by the British Resident in paragraph 4 of his letter regarding certain new posts and other increases in expenditure. I am addressing you in a separate despatch regarding the increase of the subsidy to the Church Missionary Society's Hospital at Es Salt.

5. With reference to paragraphs 2 and 11 of Treasury letter of the 15th February, the British Resident in paragraph 5 of his letter sets out in detail the position of the proposed expenditure for 1934–35 in comparison with previous years. I agree with Lieutenant-Colonel Cox that the expansion of expenditure in Trans-Jordan has not been excessive. Indeed I had hoped, as explained in paragraph 6 of my despatch of the 13th December, to provide in 1934–35 for some further most desirable expansion of Departmental services: but owing to the necessity for considerable measures of relief it will no longer be possible to undertake this expansion in 1934–35.

The position regarding the scheme to which reference is made in paragraph 14 of the Treasury letter is as explained in the enclosure to my despatch No. 10 of the 23rd January, 1934*, namely, that the Trans-Jordan Government has borrowed from the Government of Palestine £P.21,000 which is being re-lent to the Agricultural Bank in Trans-Jordan for the purpose of making seed loans to cultivators. The Treasury assumption that no net charge is to fall upon the 1934–35 Trans-Jordan Budget is confirmed.

6. I recommend that the draft Estimates should be approved in the revised form now submitted.

I have, &c.,

J. HATHORN HALL,

for High Commissioner for Trans-Jordan.

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* 37751/34 [No. 3]: not printed.

Enclosure 1 in No. 39.

REVISED ESTIMATES, 1934–35.

ABSTRACT SHOWING THE ACTUAL REVENUE FOR 1932–33, THE ESTIMATED REVENUE FOR 1933–34, THE ORIGINAL AND REVISED ESTIMATES FOR 1934–35.

	Head of Revenue.	*Actuals* 1932–33.	*Approved Estimates* 1933–34.	*Forecast of Revenue* 1933–34.	*Original Estimates* 1934–35.	*Revised Estimates* 1934–35.	*Remarks.*
		£P.	£P.	£P.	£P.	£P.	
1.	Customs and Excise	82,397	70,800	100,000	75,000	80,000	1. Inflated in 1933–34 by payment of £P.12,000 from Palestine.
2.	Licences, Taxes, etc.	117,159	135,050	103,340	133,400	130,000	
3.	Fees of Court or Office	29,804	31,150	29,915	31,000	31,100	
4.	Posts, Telegraphs, and Telephones	14,416	13,000	12,130	13,000	13,000	
5.	Revenue from Government Property	3,495	3,450	3,110	4,000	4,000	
6.	Interest	863	800	640	600	1,470	
7.	Miscellaneous Receipts	4,794	7,550	9,190	8,300	9,300	
8.	Sale of State Domains	821	1,000	1,030	1,000	1,000	
	TOTAL LOCAL REVENUE	253,749	262,800	259,355	266,300	269,870	
9.	Grant-in-Aid of Trans-Jordan Government	72,000	65,000	65,000	58,390	60,000	
10.	Grant-in-Aid of Trans-Jordan Frontier Force	29,139	33,795	33,795	34,825	34,825	
11.	Grant from Colonial Development Fund	—	—	4,200	—	1,300	
	TOTAL REVENUE	354,888	361,595	362,350	359,515	365,995	

ABSTRACT SHOWING THE ACTUAL EXPENDITURE FOR 1932–33 AND THE ESTIMATED EXPENDITURE FOR 1933–34 AND 1934–35.

	Head of Expenditure.	*Actual Expenditure* 1932–33.	*Approved Estimates* 1933–34.	*Forecast of Expenditure.* 1933–34.	*Original Estimates* 1934–35.	*Revised Estimates* 1934–35.
		£P.	£P.	£P.	£P.	£P.
1.	Civil List	14,481	14,565	14,550	14,617	14,582
2.	Public Debt and Loan Charges	590	591	591	591	1,461
3.	Legislature	3,871	3,872	3,800	3,912	4,081
4.	Pensions and Gratuities	5,430	6,000	7,150	6,300	7,700
5.	Chief Minister and Interior	3,745	3,888	3,990	3,912	4,028
6.	District Administration	6,913	10,310	10,200	10,348	10,348
7.	Ministry of Justice	15,676	16,641	16,600	17,331	16,352
8.	Sharia Courts	3,726	3,926	3,900	3,962	3,962
9.	Ministry of Finance	14,696	11,885	11,665	11,261	11,369
10.	Customs and Excise	7,409	8,026	7,850	8,134	8,098
11.	Public Health Department	11,960	12,392	12,180	12,664	12,904
11A.	Ma'an Quarantine	—	95	—	—	—
12.	Education Department	22,388	23,974	22,900	24,401	24,464
13.	Agriculture, Forests and Veterinary	5,479	7,543	6,500	7,389	7,389
14.	Antiquities Department	2,630	2,736	2,680	2,744	2,744
15.	Public Works Department	4,487	4,613	4,560	4,628	4,628
15A.	Public Works Recurrent	16,868	18,000	17,900	18,450	18,450
16.	Posts and Telgraphs Department	12,887	13,634	13,000	14,483	14,381
17.	Lands Department	13,400	14,744	12,840	15,844	15,718
18.	Police and Prisons (*a*) Police	98,124	102,430	102,200	102,205	102,730
	(*b*) Prisons	12,401	13,278	12,600	13,154	13,154
19.	Miscellaneous	8,561	8,769	8,769	8,973	8,920
20.	Audit Department	3,295	3,510	3,410	3,407	3,583
21.	Tribal Control Board	968	1,216	1,100	950	1,106
—.	British Resident	6,472	6,619	6,600	—	—
	TOTAL ORDINARY EXPENDITURE	296,457	313,257	307,535	309,660	312,152
22.	Trans-Jordan Frontier Force (One-sixth ordinary expenditure)	28,284	30,715	30,715	29,387	29,387
	TOTAL ORDINARY EXPENDITURE	324,741	343,972	338,250	339,047	341,539

Head of Expenditure.	*Actual Expenditure 1932–33.*	*Approved Estimates 1933–34*	*Forecast of Expenditure. 1933–34.*	*Original Estimates 1934–35.*	*Revised Estimates 1934–35.*
	£P.	£P.	£P.	£P.	£P.
EXTRAORDINARY.					
23. Public Works Extraordinary	11,241	7,606	10,170	8,530	8,915
24. Posts and Telegraphs Extraordinary	867	2,840	1,840	3,000	500
25. Police and Prisons Extraordinary	2,198	2,680	3,270	1,870	3,050
26. Agriculture Extraordinary	981	—	260	300	540
27. Ministry of Finance Extraordinary	—	—	400	—	250
28. His Highness the Amir (Extraordinary)	—	—	—	—	3,000
29. Relief Measures	—	—	620	—	14,380
—. Printing Collection of Laws	—	400	330	—	—
—. Public Health Extraordinary	—	275	275	—	—
—. Boundary Commission.	—	965	965	—	—
—. Write off of Public Money	—	1,158	1,158	—	—
TOTAL EXTRAORDINARY EXPENDITURE	15,287	15,924	19,288	13,700	30,635
30. Trans-Jordan Frontier Force Extraordinary	855	3,080	3,080	5,438	5,438
31. Expenditure out of Grants from Colonial Development Fund	—	—	4,000	—	1,500
TOTAL EXTRAORDINARY EXPENDITURE	16,142	19,004	26,368	19,138	37,573
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	340,883	362,976	364,618	358,185	379,112

SUMMARY SHOWING THE ESTIMATED SURPLUS AT 31ST MARCH, 1935.

	£P.	£P.	£P.
Surplus at 31st March, 1933			19,405
ACTUAL REVENUE FROM 1ST APRIL, 1933, TO 31ST JANUARY, 1934 :—			
Local	209,095		
Grant-in-Aid of Trans-Jordan Government	42,500		
Grant-in-Aid of Trans-Jordan Frontier Force	14,398		
Grants from Colonial Development Fund	—		
		265,993	
Estimated Further Revenue 1st February, 1934, to 31st March, 1934 :—			
Local	50,260		
Grant-in-Aid of Trans-Jordan Government	22,500		
Grant-in-Aid of Trans-Jordan Frontier Force	19,397		
Grants from Colonial Development Fund	4,200		
		96,357	362,350
TOTAL REVENUE FOR 1933–1934, INCLUDING SURPLUS FROM 1932–1933			381,755
ACTUAL EXPENDITURE TO 31ST JANUARY, 1934 :—			
Ordinary	264,098		
Extraordinary	7,457		
		271,555	
ESTIMATED FURTHER EXPENDITURE 1ST FEBRUARY, 1934, TO 31ST MARCH, 1934 :—			
Ordinary	74,163		
Extraordinary	18,920		
		93,083	364,638
Estimated Surplus at 31st March, 1934			17,117
ESTIMATED REVENUE FOR 1934–1935 :—			
Local		269,870	
Grant-in-Aid of Trans-Jordan Government		60,000	
Grant-in-Aid of Trans-Jordan Frontier Force		34,825	
Grants from Colonial Development Fund		1,300	
			365,995
TOTAL REVENUE 1934–1935, INCLUDING SURPLUS FOR 1933–1934			383,112
ESTIMATED EXPENDITURE FOR 1934–1935 :—			
Ordinary		341,539	
Extraordinary		37,573	
			379,112
ESTIMATED SURPLUS 31ST MARCH, 1935			4,000

REVENUE.

Revised Estimates of the Trans-Jordan Government, 1934–35.

Head and Sub-Head of Revenue.	*Approved Estimates 1933–34.*	*Revised Estimates 1934–35.*	*Increase.*	*Decrease.*	
Head I.—Customs and Excise.	£P.	£P.	£P.	£P.	
1. Customs Share, Syria	1,500	1,000	—	500	
2. Customs Share, Palestine	33,000	17,000	—	16,000	
3. Import Duty Collected locally	22,600	47,100	24,500	—	
4. Excise Duty on Alcohol	850	900	50	—	
5. Excise Duty on Tobacco	9,000	9,650	650	—	
6. Examination Fees	2,150	2,150	—	—	
7. Miscellaneous	500	800	300	—	
8. Banderolle Fees on Matches	500	700	200	—	
9. Duty on Cigarette Paper	700	700	—	—	
Total Customs and Excise	70,800	80,000	25,700	16,500	Net Increase, £P.9,200
Head II.—Licences, Taxes, Etc.					
1. Licences, Trades and Professions	3,300	4,200	900	—	
2. Licences, Advocates	100	130	30	—	
3. Licences, Doctors	50	60	10	—	
4. Licences, Road Transport	1,300	1,200	—	100	
5. Licences, Forest and Quarry	450	400	—	50	
6. Licences, Sale of Intoxicating Liquor	300	370	70	—	
7. Licences, Sale of Tobacco	550	550	—	—	
8. Licences, Other	50	50	—	—	
9. Animal Tax	32,500	28,500	—	4,000	
10. House and Land Tax	17,500	14,400	—	3,100	
11. Temettu Tax	300	100	—	200	
12. Road Tax	5,930	3,800	—	2,130	
13. Tithes	39,900	23,500	—	16,400	
14. Revenue Stamp Duty	3,600	3,600	—	—	
15. Hijaz Stamp Duty	2,800	2,800	—	—	
16. Fines and Forfeitures	2,800	2,500	—	300	
17. Allenby Bridge Tolls	3,500	3,500	—	—	

18. Consolidated Tax	14,320	2,800	—	11,520	
19. Income Tax	5,500	5,000	—	500	
20. Land Tax	—	32,300	32,300	—	
21. Ma'een Baths	300	240	—	60	
Total Licences, Taxes, Etc.	135,050	130,000	33,310	38,360	Net Decrease, £P.5,050
Head III.—Fees of Court or Office, Etc.					
1. Court Fees, Civil	6,000	5,500	—	500	
2. Court Fees, Sharia	2,400	3,300	900	—	
3. Court Fees, Tribal	150	50	—	100	
4. Fees, Notary Public	1,250	1,050	—	200	
5. Land Registry Fees	4,000	4,500	500	—	
6. Passport Fees	650	800	150	—	
7. Nationality Certificates	400	200	—	200	
8. Tourist Fees	600	650	50	—	
9. Medical Services and Hospital Receipts	750	650	—	100	
10. Veterinary and Animal Quarantine	1,500	1,300	—	200	
11. Education and Arts and Crafts Receipts	1,050	700	—	350	
12. Sales of Publications and Maps	250	250	—	—	
13. Sales of Departmental Stores	600	650	50	—	
14. Pension Contributions	11,000	11,000	—	—	
15. Miscellaneous Reimbursements	250	300	50	—	
16. Registration of Trade Marks	300	200	—	100	
Total Fees of Court or Office, Etc.	31,150	31,100	1,700	1,750	Net Decrease, £P.50.
Head IV.—Posts, Telegraphs, and Telephones.					
1. Sale of Stamps	3,000	3,000	—	—	
2. Commission on Money Orders and Poundage or Postal Orders	200	230	30	—	
3. Telephone Rentals and Installation Fees	2,500	2,500	—	—	
4. Telephone Trunk Calls	3,800	4,000	200	—	
5. Telegrams	1,360	1,100	—	260	
6. Parcel Post	500	500	—	—	
7. Post Office Box Rentals	70	70	—	—	
8. Transit Charges	1,500	1,500	—	—	
9. Miscellaneous Receipts	70	100	30	—	
Total Posts, Telegraphs, and Telephones	13,000	13,000	260	260	

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Head and Sub-Head of Revenue.	*Approved Estimates 1933–34.* £P.	*Revised Estimates 1934–35.* £P.	*Increase.* £P.	*Decrease.* £P.	*Remarks.*
HEAD V.—REVENUE FROM GOVERNMENT PROPERTY.					
1. Rent of Land and Buildings	450	450	—	—	
2. Rental Tithe	1,000	1,800	800	—	
3. Forest and Other Domain Revenues	2,000	1,750	—	250	
TOTAL REVENUE FROM GOVERNMENT PROPERTY	3,450	4,000	800	250	NET DECREASE, £P.550.
HEAD VI.—INTERESTS.					
1. Bank Balances	50	50	—	—	
2. Earthquake Relief Loans	200	150	—	50	
3. Interest on Advances to Agricultural Bank	300	300	—	—	
4. Interest on Deposits with the Joint Colonial Fund ..	150	100	—	50	
5. Interest on Agricultural Loans	100	870	770	—	
TOTAL INTEREST	800	1,470	770	100	NET INCREASE, £P.670.
HEAD VII.—MISCELLANEOUS RECEIPTS.					
1. Sundry	650	650	—	—	
2. Share of Profits, Palestine Currency	3,500	5,000	1,500	—	
3. Dead Sea Concession	2,900	3,150	250	—	
4. Anglo-Persian Oil Company	500	500	—	—	
TOTAL MISCELLANEOUS RECEIPTS	7,550	9,300	1,750	—	NET INCREASE, £P.1,750.
HEAD VIII.—SALE OF STATE DOMAINS	1,000	1,000	—	—	
HEAD IX.—GRANT-IN-AID OF TRANS-JORDAN GOVERNMENT	65,000	60,000	—	5,000	NET DECREASE, £P.5,000.
HEAD X.—GRANT-IN-AID OF TRANS-JORDAN FRONTIER FORCE	33,795	34,825	1,030	—	NET INCREASE, £P.1,030.
HEAD XI.—GRANTS FROM COLONIAL DEVELOPMENT FUND.					
1. Improvement of water supplies in Trans-Jordan ..	—	1,300	1,300	—	

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EXPENDITURE.

TRANS-JORDAN ESTIMATES FOR THE YEAR 1934–35.

Head and Sub-Head of Expenditure.	*Approved Estimates 1933–34.* £P.	*Revised Estimates 1934–35.* £P.	*Increase.* £P.	*Decrease.* £P.	
HEAD I.—CIVIL LIST.					
A.—Personal Emoluments.					
1. His Highness the Amir					
(*a*) His Highness's Personal Allotment	12,000	12,000	—	—	
(*b*) His Highness the Amir Talal	820	820	—	—	
2. Personal Adviser .. .. £P.38—2—46	528	552	24	—	2. Annual Increment.
3. Secretary .. .. .. £P.32—1—37	444	393	—	51	3. Change in holder of post.
4. Doctor .. .. £P.26—1—31	324	336	12	—	4. Annual Increment.
5. Clerk and Imam .. .. £P. 9—½—12	144	72	—	72	5. *Vide* item 6.
6. Clerk and Imam .. .. £P.13—½—16	—	78	78	—	6. Promotion from item 5 on 1st October, 1934.
7. Clerk .. .. £P. 6—½— 8	75	42	—	33	7. *Vide* item 8.
8. Clerk .. .. £P. 9—½—12	—	54	54	—	8. Promotion from item 7 on 1st October, 1934.
9. Driver £P.15	180	180	—	—	
10. Compensatory Allowance	14	4	—	10	
11. Orderly	36	36	—	—	
TOTAL PERSONAL EMOLUMENTS	14,565	14,567	168	166	
B.—Other Charges.					
12. Lighting and Heating	—	10	10	—	12. *Vide* Memorandum.
13. Contingencies	—	5	5	—	13. *Vide* Memorandum.
TOTAL OTHER CHARGES	—	15	15	—	
TOTAL CIVIL LIST	14,565	14,582	183	166	NET INCREASE, £P.17.
HEAD II.—PUBLIC DEBT AND LOAN CHARGES.					
1. Interest on loan from His Majesty's Government ..	591	591	—	—	
2. Interest on loan from Palestine Government ..	—	870	870	—	2. *Vide* Memorandum.
TOTAL PUBLIC DEBT AND LOAN CHARGES ..	591	1,461	870	—	NET INCREASE, £P.870.

Head and Sub-Head of Expenditure.	Approved Estimates, 1933–34. £P.	Estimates, 1934–35. £P.	Increase. £P.	Decrease. £P.	Remarks.
HEAD III.—LEGISLATURE.					
A. Personal Emoluments.					
1. 16 Members at £P.200 per annum	3,200	—	—	3,200	1. *Vide* items 2 and 3.
2. 15 Members at £P.200 per annum	—	3,000	3,000	—	2. From item 1.
3. 1 Member at £P.38—2—46	—	465	465	—	3. Appointment of one member to Executive Council.
4. Secretary at £P.21—1—25	300	—	—	300	4. *Vide* item 5.
5. Clerk at £P.17—½—20	—	204	204	—	5. *Vide* item 4.
6. Clerk at £P. 9—½—12	144	144	—	—	
7. Orderly	18	18	—	—	
TOTAL PERSONAL EMOLUMENTS	3,662	3,831	3,669	3,500	
B. Other Charges.					
8. Transport and Travelling	180	220	40	—	8. Present provision insufficient.
9. Lighting and Heating	10	10	—	—	
10. Contingencies	10	10	—	—	
11. Postage, Telegrams, and Telephones	10	10	—	—	
TOTAL OTHER CHARGES	210	250	40	—	
TOTAL LEGISLATURE	3,872	4,081	3,709	3,500	NET INCREASE, £P.209.
HEAD IV.—PENSIONS AND GRATUITIES.					
1. Pensions	4,500	5,100	600	—	1. Increased to meet new commitments.
2. Gratuities	1,500	2,600	1,100	—	2. *Vide* Memorandum.
TOTAL PENSIONS AND GRATUITIES	6,000	7,700	1,700	—	NET INCREASE, £P.1,700.
HEAD V.—CHIEF MINISTER AND INTERIOR.					
A. Personal Emoluments.					
1. His Excellency the Chief Minister	1,200	1,200	—	—	
2. Chief Secretary £P.48—2—56	672	—	—	672	2. *Vide* item 4.
3. Administrative Inspector £P.38—2—46	—	460	460	—	3. New post. *Vide* Memorandum.

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4. Secretary to Chief Minister £P.38—2—46	—	456	456	—	4. In lieu of item 2. *Vide* Memorandum.
5. Assistant Secretary £P.21—1—25	300	300	—	—	
6. Clerk £P.17—½—20	216	222	6	—	6. Annual Increment.
7. Clerk £P.13—½—16	168	174	6	—	7. Annual Increment.
8. 2 Clerks £P. 9—½—12	288	288	—	—	
9. Clerk £P. 6—½— 8	76	—	—	76	
10. Compensatory Allowance	8	8	—	—	
11. Orderlies	120	120	—	—	
TOTAL PERSONAL EMOLUMENTS	3,048	3,228	928	748	
B. Other Charges.					
12. Transport and Travelling	440	420	—	20	
13. Lighting and Heating	15	15	—	—	
14. Contingencies	5	5	—	—	
15. Postage, Telegrams, and Telephones	140	120	—	20	
16. Secret Service	240	240	—	—	
TOTAL OTHER CHARGES	840	800	—	40	
TOTAL CHIEF MINISTER AND INTERIOR	3,888	4,028	928	788	NET INCREASE, £P.140.
HEAD VII.—MINISTRY OF JUSTICE.					
A. Personal Emoluments.					
1. Minister of Justice £P.48—2—58	627	—	—	627	1. Post abolished on change of Government.
2. Judicial Adviser .. Special	1,342	1,342	—	—	
3. Superintendent £P.21—1—25	300	150	—	150	3. *Vide* item 4.
4. Superintendent £P.26—1—31	—	156	156	—	4. Promotion from 4 on 1st October, 1934.
5. 2 Clerks £P.13—½—16	375	384	9	—	5. Increment and adjustment of salary.
6. Clerk £P. 9—½—18	112	118	6	—	6. Increment.
7. Compensatory Allowance	5	5	—	—	
8. Orderlies	72	72	—	—	
Court of Appeal.					
9. President £P.48—2—58	627	651	24	—	9. Annual Increment.
10. 2 Members £P.32—1—37	864	876	12	—	10. One Increment.
11. 1 Member £P.26—1—31	324	312	—	12	11. Change in holder of post.
12. Chief Clerk £P.13—½—16	192	192	—	—	
13. Clerk £P. 9—½—12	130	136	6	—	13. Annual Increment.
14. Clerk £P. 6—½— 8	96	96	—	—	
15. Compensatory Allowance	8	8	—	—	

	Head and Sub-Head of Expenditure.		Approved Estimates 1933–34. £P.	Revised Estimates 1934–35. £P.	Increase. £P.	Decrease. £P.	Remarks.
HEAD VII.—MINISTRY OF JUSTICE—*continued.*							
	Court of Appeal—continued.						
16.	Process-Server		48	48	—	—	
17.	Orderlies		36	48	12	—	17. Provision made for an additional orderly at £P.2 per annum from 1st October, 1934.
18.	Attorney-General	£P.38—2—46	507	531	24	—	18. Annual increment.
19.	Clerk	£P. 9—½—12	130	136	6	—	19. Annual increment.
20.	Clerk	£P. 6—½— 8	72	78	6	—	20. Annual increment.
	District Courts.						
21.	1 President	£P.32—1—37	444	444	—	—	
22.	2 Presidents	£P.21—1—25	592	556	—	36	22. Change in holder of one post. One increment.
23.	2 Members	£P.21—1—25	576	600	24	—	23. Annual increments.
24.	2 Members	£P.17—½—20	466	—	—	466	24. *Vide* item 25.
25.	3 Members	£P.17—½—20	—	574	574	—	25. From item 24 with one new post from 1st October, 1934.
26.	4 Public Prosecutors	£P.17—½—20	877	860	—	17	26. Change in holder of one post.
27.	1 Execution Officer	£P.13—½—16	162	168	6	—	27. Annual increment.
28.	3 Chief Clerks	£P.13—½—16	493	535	42	—	28. Increments and change in holder of one post.
29.	3 Clerks (Courts)	£P. 9—½—12	396	408	12	—	29. Two increments
30.	7 Clerks (Courts)	£P. 6—½— 8	670	—	—	670	30. *Vide* item 31.
31.	8 Clerks	£P. 6—½— 8	—	708	708	—	31. Change in holders of posts, increments, one new post from 1st October, 1934.
32.	5 Clerks (Public Prosecutors and Execution Officers)	£P. 6—½— 8	458	433	—	25	32. Change in holders of posts.
33.	Compensatory Allowance		37	37	—	—	
34.	11 Process-Servers		480	528	48	—	34. One new post specially approved in 1933–34.
35.	Orderlies		84	96	12	—	35. Provision made for an additional orderly at £P.2 per annum from 1st October, 1934.
	Magistrates' Courts.						
36.	2 Magistrates	£P.21—1—25	520	547	27	—	36. Increments and adjustment.
37.	3 Magistrates	£P.17—½—20	707	—	—	707	37. *Vide* item 38.
38.	4 Magistrates	£P.17—½—20	—	819	819	—	38. One new post from 1st October, 1934.
39.	7 Clerks	£P. 9—½—12	959	977	18	—	39. Increments and change in holders of posts.
40.	2 Clerks	£P. 6—½— 8	188	192	4	—	40. One increment.
41.	Compensatory Allowance		16	16	—	—	
42.	11 Process-Servers		528	528	—	—	
43.	Orderly		24	24	—	—	
44.	Notary Public	£P.13—½—16	162	168	6	—	44. Increment.
	TOTAL PERSONAL EMOLUMENTS C.F.		14,706	14,557	2,561	2,710	

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	B. Other Charges.						
45.	Transport and Travelling		900	790	—	110	
46.	Lighting and Heating		70	70	—	—	
47.	Contingencies		35	35	—	—	
48.	Postage, Telegrams and Telephones		260	260	—	—	
49.	Clothing, Process-Servers		70	70	—	—	
50.	Medico Legal Expenses		450	450	—	—	
51.	Tribal Court Expenses		100	100	—	—	
52.	Purchase of Books		50	20	—	30	
	TOTAL OTHER CHARGES		1,935	1,795	—	140	
	TOTAL MINISTRY OF JUSTICE		16,641	16,352	2,561	2,850	NET DECREASE, £P.289.
HEAD IX.—MINISTRY OF FINANCE.							
	A. Personal Emoluments.						
1.	Treasurer	£P.48—2—58	627	651	24	—	1. Annual Increment.
2.	Financial Adviser	Special	990	990	—	—	
3.	2 Assistant Treasurers	£P.26—1—31	705	729	24	—	3. Two Increments.
4.	Controller of Stores	£P.21—1—25	300	300	—	—	
5.	2 Treasury Accountants	£P.21—1—25	576	600	24	—	5. Two Increments.
6.	Chief Clerk	£P.17—½—20	209	215	6	—	6. Annual Increment.
7.	4 Sub-Accountants	£P.17—½—20	858	859	3	—	7. Three Increments. Provision for vacant post reduced to the minimum of the grade.
8.	4 Sub-Accountants	£P.13—½—16	706	—	—	706	8. *Vide* item 9.
9.	5 Sub-Accountants	£P.13—½—16	—	910	910	—	9. 4 from item 8 and 1 from item 10.
10.	2 Treasury Officers	£P.13—½—16	376	—	—	376	10. *Vide* items 9 and 11.
11.	Assistant Sub-Accountant	£P.13—½—16	—	190	190	—	11. From item 10.
12.	12 Clerks	£P. 9—½—12	1,621	—	—	1,621	12. *Vide* item 13.
13.	15 Clerks	£P. 9—½—12	—	1,874	1,874	—	13. Two promotions from item 14 on 1st October, 1934, and one new post approved late in 1933–34.
14.	12 Clerks	£P. 6—½— 8	1,108	—	—	1,108	14. *Vide* item 13 and 15.
15.	10 Clerks	£P. 6—½— 8	—	1,032	1,032	—	15. From item 14 (including 6 months provision of the two posts promoted under item 13).
16.	Tax-Collector for Ma'een Baths at £P.7 for 3 months only		21	21	—	—	
17.	Orderlies		350	360	—	—	
18.	Compensatory Allowance		70	70	—	—	
	TOTAL PERSONAL EMOLUMENTS		8,525	8,801	4,087	3,811	

Head and Sub-Head of Expenditure.	*Approved Estimates, 1933–34.*	*Revised Estimates, 1934–35.*	*Increase.*	*Decrease.*	*Remarks.*
HEAD IX.—MINISTRY OF FINANCE—*contd.*					
B. Other Charges.	£P.	£P.	£P.	£P.	
19. Transport and Travelling	550	550	—	—	
20. Lighting and Heating	70	70	—	—	
21. Contingencies	40	38	—	2	
22. Postage, Telegrams, and Telephones	500	400	—	100	
23. Expenses of Tithe Estimation	850	60	—	790	
24. Expenses of Animal Enumeration	1,300	1,400	100	—	
25. Allowance to Registrar of Trade Marks	50	50	—	—	
TOTAL OTHER CHARGES	3,360	2,568	100	892	
TOTAL MINISTRY OF FINANCE	11,885	11,369	4,187	4,703	NET DECREASE £P.516.
HEAD X.—CUSTOMS AND EXCISE.					
A. Personal Emoluments.					
1. Director	1,000	1,000	—	—	
2. Inspector £P.21—1–25	300	150	—	150	2. *Vide* item 3.
3. Inspector £P.26—1–31	—	156	156	—	3. Promotion from item 2 on 1st October, 1934.
4. Controller of Statistics £P.17—½–20	222	228	6	—	4. Annual Increment.
5. Customs and Excise Officers £P.17—½–20	240	240	—	—	
6. Chief Clerk £P.13—½–16	174	180	6	—	6. Annual Increment.
7. 5 Customs and Excise Officers £P.13—½–16	900	922	22	—	7. Annual Increment.
8. 12 Customs and Excise Officers £P. 9—½–12	1,476	1,587	111	—	8. Annual Increments and adjustment of salaries.
9. 7 Customs and Excise Officers £P. 6—½– 8	636	640	4	—	9. Annual Increments and change in holders of posts.
10. Compensatory Allowance	40	40	—	—	
11. 2 Head Customs Guards at £P.6 per mensem from 1st October, 1934	—	72	72	—	11. *Vide* Memorandum.
12. 19 Guards at £P.5 per mensem each	1,080	1,140	60	—	12. Two of these posts were approved as from 1st October, 1933.
13. Apprentice	42	42	—	—	
14. Porters	285	285	—	—	
15. Orderlies and Watchmen	156	156	—	—	
TOTAL PERSONAL EMOLUMENTS	6,551	6,838	437	150	
B. Other Charges.					
16. Transport and Travelling	650	650	—	—	
17. Lighting and Heating	35	35	—	—	
18. Contingencies	50	50	—	—	
19. Postage, Telegrams, and Telephones	100	100	—	—	
20. Clothing for Guards	90	90	—	—	
21. Rewards and Gratuities	200	200	—	—	
22. Banderolles	350	135	—	215	
TOTAL OTHER CHARGES	1,475	1,260	—	215	
TOTAL CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DEPARTMENT	8,026	8,098	437	365	NET INCREASE, £P.72.
HEAD XI.—PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT.					
A. Personal Emoluments.					
1. Director Special.	750	750	—	—	
2. Chief Clerk £P.17—½–20	222	228	6	—	2. Annual Increment.
3. Clerk £P.13—½–16	174	180	6	—	3. Annual Increment.
4. Clerk £P. 9—½–12	144	144	—	—	
5. Storekeeper £P. 6—½– 8	36	72	36	—	5. Provision in 1933–34 for 6 months only.
6. Ambulance Driver at £P.8 p.m.	96	96	—	—	
7. Orderly	36	36	—	—	
Government Hospital, Amman.					
8. Medical Officer £P.26—1—31	372	372	—	—	
9. Dispenser £P.21—1—25	264	276	12	—	9. Annual Increment.
10. Matron £P. 9—½—12	132	139	7	—	10. Increment and adjustment of salary.
11. Nurse £P. 6—½— 8	96	96	—	—	
12. 3 Attendants at £P.5 p.m.	180	180	—	—	
13. Wardmaid at £P.4 p.m.	48	48	—	—	
14. Cook, Washerwoman, and Orderly	126	126	—	—	
Government Hospital, Irbid.					
15. Nurse £P. 6—½— 8	42	84	42	—	15. }
16. Attendant at £P.5 p.m.	30	60	30	—	16. }
17. Assistant Dispenser at £P.5 p.m.	30	60	30	—	17. } Provision in 1933–34 for 6 months only.
18. Cook, Washerwoman, and Servant	54	108	54	—	18. }
Government Laboratory, Amman.					
19. Bacteriologist £P.32—1—37	444	444	—	—	
20. Assistant Bacteriologist £P. 9—½—12	144	144	—	—	

	Head and Sub-Head of Expenditure.		*Approved Estimates 1933–1934.*	*Revised Estimates 1933–1934.*	*Increase.*	*Decrease.*	*Remarks.*
	HEAD XI.—PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT—*contd.*						
	A. Personal Emoluments—contd.		£P.	£P.	£P.	£P.	
	Districts.						
21.	Medical Officer	£P.32—1—37	437	444	7	—	21. Annual Increment.
22.	9 Medical Officers	£P.26—1—31	3,224	3,260	36	—	22. Increments.
23.	3 Anti-Malarial Inspectors ..	£P. 9—½—12	366	383	17	—	23. Increments and adjustment of salary.
24.	Anti-Malarial Inspector ..	£P. 6—½— 8	96	96	—	—	
25.	Clerk to Medical Officer, Amman	£P. 6—½— 8	96	96	—	—	
26.	Infant Welfare Nurse	£P. 9—½—12	129	112	—	17	26. Change in holder of post.
27.	Public Health Orderly	£P. 9—½—12	123	129	6	—	27. Annual Increment.
28.	2 Public Health Orderlies at £P.7 p.m.		168	168	—	—	
29.	4 Public Health Orderlies at £P.6 p.m.		288	288	—	—	
30.	5 Attendants at £P.6 p.m.		360	360	—	—	
31.	Compensatory Allowance		26	26	—	—	
32.	2 Watchmen for Amman and Remtha Quarantine Stations		72	72	—	—	
33.	1 Anti-Malarial Inspector at £P.7 p.m.		—	84	84	—	33. *Vide* Memorandum.
	TOTAL PERSONAL EMOLUMENTS C.F.		8,805	9,161	373	17	
	B. Other Charges.						
34.	Transport and Travelling		750	750	—	—	
35.	Lighting and Heating		50	50	—	—	
36.	Contingencies		20	20	—	—	
37.	Postage, Telegrams, and Telephones		105	105	—	—	
38.	Clothing		100	100	—	—	
39.	Treatment of Government patients in private hospitals		175	175	—	—	
40.	Medical Stores and Equipment		900	900	—	—	
41.	Epidemic Measures		400	400	—	—	
42.	Anti-Malarial Measures..		100	100	—	—	
43.	Vaccine, Sera, etc.		150	150	—	—	
44.	Medical Library		12	12	—	—	
45.	Notification of Births and Deaths		180	180	—	—	
46.	Dieting, Staff and Patients		400	400	—	—	
47.	Subsidy, Es Salt Hospital		240	396	156	—	47. *Vide* Memorandum.
48.	Colonial Medical Advisory Committee		5	5	—	—	
	TOTAL OTHER CHARGES		3,587	3,743	156	—	
	TOTAL PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT		12,392	12,904	529	17	NET INCREASE £P.512.

	HEAD XI.—MA'AN QUARANTINE.						
1.	Allowance to Medical Officer		12	—	—	12	
2.	Sub-Inspector at £P.5 for 3 months		24	—	—	24	
3.	Watchman at £P.4 for 3 months		12	—	—	12	
4.	Attendant at £P.3 for 3 months		9	—	—	9	
5.	Dieting 150 Pilgrims		38	—	—	38	
	TOTAL MA'AN QUARANTINE		95	—	—	95	NET DECREASE £P.95.
	HEAD XII.—EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.						
	A. Personal Emoluments.						
1.	Director	£P.38—2—46	552	552	—	—	
2.	Inspector	£P.26—1—31	367	372	5	—	2. Increment.
3.	Inspector	£P.21—1—25	271	252	—	19	3. Provision reduced to the minimum owing to temporary vacancy of the post.
4.	Chief Clerk	£P.17—½—20	240	240	—	—	
5.	Accountant	£P. 9—½—12	144	144	—	—	
6.	Clerk	£P. 9—½—12	137	143	6	—	6. Increment.
7.	Storekeeper	£P. 6—½— 8	93	96	3	—	7. Increment.
8.	Compensatory Allowance		25	25	—	—	
9.	Orderly		36	36	—	—	
	Boys Schools.						
10.	Headmaster	£P.21—1—25	300	300	—	—	
11.	3 Headmasters	£P.17—½—20	660	672	12	—	11. Increments.
12.	6 Masters	£P.17—½—20	1,312	1,327	15	—	12. Increments and changes in holders of posts.
13.	6 Masters	£P.13—½—16	1,067	1,055	—	12	13. Increments and changes in holders of posts.
14.	9 Headmasters	£P. 9—½—12	1,207	1,231	24	—	14. Increments and changes in holders of posts.
15.	13 Masters	£P. 9—½—12	1,762	—	—	1,762	15. *Vide* item 16.
16.	15 Masters	£P. 9—½—12	—	1,883	1,883	—	16. Includes 2 new posts from 1st October, 1934. *Vide* Memorandum.
17.	40 Masters	£P. 6—½— 8	3,718	—	—	3,718	17. *Vide* item 18.
18.	44 Masters	£P. 6—½— 8	—	3,863	3,863	—	18. Includes 4 new posts as from 1st October, 1934. *See* Memorandum.
19.	31 Village Schoolmasters ..	£P. 6—½— 8	2,825	2,835	10	—	19. Increments and changes in holders of posts.
20.	Compensatory Allowance		126	126		—	
21.	Orderlies, Servants, etc.		402	402	—	—	

	Head and Sub-Head of Expenditure.		Approved Estimates 1933–34.	Revised Estimates 1934–35.	Increase.	Decrease.	Remarks.
			£P.	£P.	£P.	£P.	
HEAD XII.—EDUCATION DEPARTMENT—*continued.*							
	Girls Schools.						
22.	3 Headmistresses	£P.13—½—16	576	576	—	—	
23.	5 Headmistresses	£P. 9—½—12	568	571	3	—	23. Increments and changes in holders of posts.
24.	10 Mistresses	£P. 9—½—12	1,193	1,224	31	—	24. Increments and adjustment of salary.
25.	11 Mistresses	£P. 6—½— 8	961	—	—	961	25. *Vide* item 26.
26.	13 Mistresses	£P. 6—½— 8	—	1,012	1,012	—	26. Increments and changes in holders of posts, includes 2 new posts as from 1st October, 1934.
27.	Compensatory Allowance		14	14	—	—	
28.	Servants, etc.		276	276	—	—	
	School of Arts and Crafts.						
29.	Director	£P.17—½—20	240	240	—	—	
30.	Master Smith	£P.13—½—16	171	177	6	—	30. Increment
31.	Master Carpenter	£P. 9—½—12	144	144	—	—	
32.	Instructor, Cane Chair Making	£P. 6—½— 8	77	83	6	—	32. Increment.
33.	Master Weaver	£P. 6—½— 8	96	96	—	—	
34.	Master, Reading and Writing	£P. 6—½— 8	94	88	—	6	34. Change in holder of post.
35.	Accountant and Storekeeper	£P. 9—½—12	114	120	6	—	35. Increment.
36.	Compensatory Allowance		7	7	—	—	
37.	Cook, Washerwoman, and Servants		210	210	—	—	
	TOTAL PERSONAL EMOLUMENTS C. F.		19,985	20,392	6,885	6,478	
	B. Other Charges.						
38.	Transport and Travelling		320	320	—	—	
39.	Lighting and Heating		86	86	—	—	
40.	Contingencies		62	62	—	—	
41.	Postage, Telegrams, and Telephones		90	75	—	15	
42.	Rations, School of Arts and Crafts		420	600	180	—	42. Increase in number of pupils.
43.	Books and School Equipment		1,150	950	—	200	
44.	Stores and Equipment, School of Arts and Crafts		550	530	—	20	
45.	Water		85	85	—	—	
46.	Training School Fees		588	588	—	—	
47.	Cost of training 9 Pupils and 2 Teachers in the Kadoorie Agricultural School		588	726	138	—	
48.	Improvement of School Gardens		50	50	—	—	
	TOTAL OTHER CHARGES		3,989	4,072	318	235	
	TOTAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT		23,974	24,464	7,203	6,713	NET INCREASE, £P.490.

HEAD XVI.—POSTS AND TELEGRAPHS DEPARTMENT.							
	A. Personal Emoluments.						
1.	Postmaster-General	£P.38—2—46	552	552	—	—	
2.	Inspector	£P.17—½—20	222	226	4	—	2. Increment and correction of error.
3.	Accountant	£P.13—½—16	192	192	—	—	
4.	Cashier	£P.13—½—16	172	178	6	—	4. Increment.
5.	Chief Clerk	£P.13—½—16	171	177	6	—	5. Increment.
6.	Accounts Clerk	£P.13—½—16	167	173	6	—	6. Increment.
7.	2 Clerks	£P. 9—½—12	251	263	12	—	7. Increments.
8.	Stores Clerk	£P. 9—½—12	119	125	6	—	8. Increment.
9.	2 Clerks	£P. 6—½— 8	192	192	—	—	
	District Post Offices.						
10.	Postmaster	£P.17—½—20	210	216	6	—	10. Increment.
11.	3 Postmasters	£P.13—½—16	501	519	18	—	11. Increments.
12.	Telegraph and Telephone Overseer	£P.13—½—16	171	177	6	—	12. Increment.
13.	6 Postmasters	£P. 9—½—12	753	779	26	—	13. Increments and correction of error.
14.	4 Posts and Telegraph Clerks	£P. 9—½—12	506	532	26	—	14. Increments and correction of error.
15.	17 Posts and Telegraph Clerks	£P. 6—½— 8	1,561	—	—	1,561	15. *Vide* item 16.
16.	19 Posts and Telegraph Clerks	£P. 6—½— 8	—	1,676	1,676	—	16. Increments and 2 new posts from 1st October, 1934.
	Engineering.						
17.	Technical Assistant	£P.21—1—25	300	300	—	—	
18.	Technical Officer	£P.17—½—20	240	240	—	—	
19.	Lines Inspector	£P.13—½—16	174	180	6	—	19. Increment.
20.	2 Head Linesmen	£P. 6—½— 8	180	—	—	180	20. *Vide* item 21.
21.	4 Head Linesmen	£P. 6—½— 8	—	264	264	—	21. Increments and 2 new posts from 1st October, 1934.
22.	6 Linesmen at £P.6 p.m. each		432	432	—	—	
23.	18 Linesmen at £P.5 p.m. each		1,080	—	—	1,080	23. *Vide* item 24.
24.	21 Linesmen at £P.5 p.m. each		—	1,260	1,260	—	24. Includes 3 new posts for a full year.
25.	5 Apprentices at £P.3.500 Mils p.m. each		210	210	—	—	
26.	12 Postmen at £P.4 p.m. and 2 Orderlies at £P.3 p.m. each		648	648	—	—	
27.	Labour		250	350	100	—	
28.	Compensatory Allowance		43	43	—	—	
	TOTAL PERSONAL EMOLUMENTS		9,297	9,904	3,428	2,821	

	Head and Sub-Head of Expenditure.		*Approved Estimates 1933–34.* £P.	*Revised Estimates 1934–35.* £P.	*Increase.* £P.	*Decrease.* £P.	*Remarks.*
HEAD XVI.—POSTS AND TELEGRAPHS DEPARTMENT—*contd.*							
	B. Other Charges.						
29.	Transport and Travelling		775	850	75	—	29. *Vide* Memorandum.
30.	Lighting and Heating		90	90	—	—	
31.	Contingencies		15	15	—	—	
32.	Clothing		200	215	15	—	32. *Vide* Memorandum.
33.	Stores and Equipment		2,000	2,000	—	—	
34.	Transport of Mails		1,100	1,150	50	—	34. *Vide* Memorandum.
35.	Commission to Postal Agents		20	20	—	—	
36.	Hedjaz Railway for Ma'an Telephone Line		137	137	—	—	
	TOTAL OTHER CHARGES		4,337	4,477	140	—	
	TOTAL POSTS, TELEGRAPHS, AND TELEPHONES		13,634	14,381	3,568	2,821	NET INCREASE £P.747.
HEAD XVII.—LANDS DEPARTMENT.							
	A. Personal Emoluments.						
1.	Director	Special Grade	1,000	1,000	—	—	
2.	Controller of State Domains	£P.26—1—31	372	—	—	372	2. *Vide* item 4.
3.	Chief Clerk and Technical Assistant	£P.21—1—25	264	—	—	264	3. *Vide* item 4.
4.	2 Inspectors	£P.26—1—31	—	624	624	—	4. From items 2–3. *Vide* Memorandum.
5.	Chief Clerk	£P.17—½—20	—	204	204	—	5. In lieu of post under item 3.
6.	Clerk	£P.13—½—16	174	156	—	18	6. Change of holder.
7.	2 Clerks	£P. 9—½—12	230	248	18	—	7. 2 Increments and change of holder of one post.
	Land Settlement.						
8.	Land Settlement Judge	£P.48—2—58	288	576	288	—	8. Provision in 1933–34 for 6 months only.
9.	Land Settlement Officer	£P.32—1—37	—	432	432	—	9. From Survey item 14. Increment.
10.	2 Deputy Land Settlement Officers	£P.21—1—25	—	504	504	—	10. From item 16 with promotion.
11.	Assistant Land Settlement Officer	£P.13—½—16	78	156	78	—	11. Provision in 1933–34 for 6 months only.
12.	Clerk	£P. 9—½—12	54	132	78	—	12. Provision in 1933–34 for 6 months only.
	Survey.						
13.	Director	Special Grade	680	700	20	—	13. Annual Increment.
14.	Chief Demarcation Officer	£P.32—1—37	420	—	—	420	14. *Vide* item 9.
15.	Demarcation Officer	£P.26—1—31	324	—	—	324	15. Post abolished.

16.	3 Surveyors	£P.17—½—20	654	—	—	654	16. Two to item 10; one to item 17.
17.	Inspector	£P.17—½—20	—	216	216	—	17. From item 16.
18.	Assistant Inspector	£P.13—½—16	—	156	156	—	18. Transfer from item 24—Land Registry.
19.	18 Surveyors	£P. 9—½—12	2,255	2,340	85	—	19. Annual Increments.
20.	Chainmen		1,440	—	—	1,440	20. To item 21.
21.	Labourers		1,450	2,890	1,440	—	21. Inclusion of Chainmen from item 20.
	Land Registry.						
22.	Director	£P.26—1—31	360	372	12	—	22. Annual Increment.
23.	Land Registry Officer	£P.17—½—20	240	240	—	—	
24.	3 Land Registry Officers	£P.13—½—16	573	—	—	573	24. One to item 18; two to item 25.
25.	2 Land Registry Officers	£P.13—½—16	—	384	384	—	25. *Vide* item 24.
26.	2 Land Registry Officers	£P. 9—½—12	288	288	—	—	
27.	Clerk	£P. 6—½—8	96	96	—	—	
	General.						
28.	Orderlies		144	144	—	—	
29.	Compensatory Allowances		30	30	—	—	
30.	Field Allowance		550	550	—	—	
	TOTAL PERSONAL EMOLUMENTS, C.F.		11,964	12,438	4,539	4,065	
	B. Other Charges.						
31.	Transport and Travelling		1,550	1,550	—	—	
32.	Lighting and Heating		30	30	—	—	
33.	Contingencies		100	100	—	—	
34.	Postage, Telegrams, and Telephones		50	50	—	—	
35.	Technical Equipment		200	200	—	—	
36.	Tentage and Camp Equipment		150	150	—	—	
37.	Survey Marks		400	900	500	—	37. Increase due to land settlement works.
38.	Boots for labourers		100	100	—	—	
39.	Printing of maps		200	200	—	—	
	TOTAL OTHER CHARGES		2,780	3,280	500	—	
	TOTAL LANDS DEPARTMENT		14,744	15,718	5,039	4,065	NET INCREASE £P.974.

	Head and Sub-head of Expenditure.		Approved Estimates 1933–34. £P.	Revised Estimates 1934–35. £P.	Increase. £P.	Decrease. £P.		Remarks.
HEAD XVIII.—POLICE AND PRISONS.								
	A. Police.							
	A. Personal Emoluments.							
1.	Commandant	£P.850–50–1,050 p.a.	1,050	1,050	—	—		
2.	Expatriation Allowance		150	150	—	—		
3.	Second in Command and O.C. Desert Patrol ..		800	800	—	—		
4.	Expatriation Allowance		150	150	—	—		
5.	Assistant Commandant	£P.550–25–750 p.a.	700	725	25	—	5.	Annual increment.
6.	Expatriation Allowance		100	100	—	—		
7.	Accountant	£P.300–10–550 p.a.	463	473	10	—	7.	Annual increment.
8.	Expatriation Allowance		50	50	—	—		
9.	Assistant to O.C. the Desert Patrol		400	400	—	—		
10.	Expatriation Allowance		50	50	—	—		
11.	One Officer	(Special Grade)	—	200	200	—	11.	From 1st October, 1934. *Vide* Memorandum.
12.	Expatriation Allowance		—	25	25	—	12.	*Vide* Memorandum.
13.	Paymaster	£P.17—½—20	216	222	6	—	13.	Annual increment.
14.	Stores Officer	£P.17—½—20	240	240	—	—		
15.	Armourer	£P. 8 p.m.	96	96	—	—		
16.	Saddlers	£P. 6 p.m.	144	144	—	—		
17.	W/T Mechanic	£P.10 p.m.	120	—	—	120	17.	*Vide* items 19–20.
18.	10 W/T Operators ..	£P. 7 p.m.	840	—	—	840	18.	*Vide* items 19–20.
19.	2 W/T Superintendents ..	£P. 9 p.m.	—	216	216	—	19.	From items 17–18. Regraded.
20.	9 W/T Operators ..	£P. 7 p.m.	—	756	756	—	20.	From item 18.
21.	2 Clerks	£P.21—1—25	552	552	—	—		
22.	4 Clerks	£P.13—½—16	726	678	—	48	22.	Changes in holders of posts.
23.	5 Clerks	£P. 9—½—12	660	684	24	—	23.	Annual increments.
24.	6 Clerks	£P. 6—½—8	540	536	—	4	24.	Changes in holders of posts.
25.	Power House Mechanic	£P.12 p.m.	144	144	—	—		
26.	1 Qaimakam	£P.38—2—46	528	552	24	—	26.	Annual increment.
27.	1 Qaid	£P.32—1—37	420	432	12	—	27.	Annual increment.
28.	3 Wakil Qaids	£P.26—1—31	1,044	1,080	36	—	28.	Annual increments.
29.	3 Rais	£P.21—1—25	900	900	—	—		
30.	16 Mulazim Awal ..	£P.17—½—20	3,840	3,840	—	—		
31.	3 Mulazim Thani ..	£P.13—½—16	576	—	—	576	31.	*Vide* item 32.
32.	4 Mulazim Thani ..	£P.13—½—16	—	654	654	—	32.	Promotion of Wakil (*see* item 34 from 1st October) 1934, *vide* Memorandum).
33.	3 Cadets	£P.10 p.m.	360	360	—	—		

34.	10 Wakils 1st Class	£P.9–½–12 p.m.	1,302	1,230	—	72	34.	1 post to 30th September, 1934, *vide* item 32.
35.	10 Wakils 2nd Class	£P.9 p.m.	1,080	1,080	—	—		
36.	43. Naibs	£P.7 p.m.	3,612	3,612	—	—		
37.	70 Areefs	£P.6 p.m.	5,040	5,040	—	—		
38.	519 Jundi	£P.5 p.m.	31,140	31,140	—	—		
39.	17 Jundi	£P.2 p.m.	408	408	—	—		
40.	6 Cavalrymen	£P.6 p.m.	432	432	—	—		
41.	6 Amin Seriya 1st Class ..	£P.8½ p.m.	816	816	—	—		
42.	9 Amin Seriya 2nd Class ..	£P.7½ p.m.	810	810	—	—		
43.	1 Imam	£P.5 p.m.	60	60	—	—		
44.	9 M.T. Drivers 1st Class ..	£P.9 p.m.	972	—	—	972	44.	*Vide* items 47–48–49–50–51.
45.	6 M.T. Drivers 2nd Class ..	£P.5 p.m.	360	—	—	360	45.	
46.	Fitters Allowance to 4 Drivers	£P.1 p.m.	48	—	—	48	46.	
47.	3 M.T. Drivers	£P.12 p.m.	—	432	432	—	47.	Regrading of M.T. Drivers under authority of the Secretary of State's despatch dated the 5th May, 1933.*
48.	1 M.T. Driver	£P.10 p.m.	—	120	120	—	48.	
49.	4 M.T. Drivers	£P.9 p.m.	—	432	432	—	49.	
50.	3 M.T. Drivers	£P.6 p.m.	—	216	216	—	50.	
51.	3 M.T. Drivers	£P.5 p.m.	—	180	180	—	51.	
52.	Desert Allowance to W/T Operators		144	228	84	—	52.	Increase in the number of Operators entitled to Desert Allowance.
53	3. Menials for Desert Outposts		—	18	18	—		
	Urban Police.							
54.	1 Wakil Qaid	£P.26—1—31	348	360	12	—	54.	Annual Increment.
55.	1 Traffic Inspector ..	£P.290—10—340 p.a., plus £P.40	380	380	—	—		
56.	1 Legal Adviser	£P.21—1—25	288	300	12	—	56.	Annual Increment.
57.	1 Mufawad 1st Class	£P.13—½—16	192	192	—	—		
58.	10 Mufawads 2nd Class ..	£P.8 p.m.	960	960	—	—		
59.	9 Mufawads 3rd Class	£P.7 p.m.	756	756	—	—		
60.	75 Constables	£P.6 p.m.	5,400	5,400	—	—		
61.	2 Clerks	£P. 9—½—12	216	228	12	—	61.	Annual Increments.
62.	Compensatory Allowance		76	66	—	10		
63.	Personal Allowances		150	144	—	6	63.	Transferred to Head XVIII-E-Prisons.
	TOTAL PERSONAL EMOLUMENTS C.F.		70,849	71,299	3,506	3,056		

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	Head and Sub-Head of Expenditure.	Approved Estimates 1933–34. £P.	Revised Estimates 1934–35. £P.	Increase. £P.	Decrease. £P.	Remarks.
	Brought forward	70,849	71,299	3,506	3,056	
	HEAD XVIII.—POLICE AND PRISONS—*continued.*					
	B. Other Charges.					
64.	Forage Allowance	9,600	9,800	200	—	64. Provision in 1933–34 insufficient.
65.	Clothing	7,195	6,600	—	595	65. Reduction on actuals for 1932–33.
66.	Compensation for loss of animals	300	340	40	—	66. Increase based on actuals for 1932–33.
67.	Veterinary	—	35	35	—	67. Temporarily cancelled in 1933–34.
68.	Equipment	600	590	—	10	68. Reduction based on actuals 1932–33.
69.	Saddlery	600	560	—	40	69. Reduction based on actuals 1932–33.
70.	Transport and Travelling	2,400	2,700	300	—	70. Provision for 1933–34 insufficient.
71.	Furniture..	200	160	—	40	71. Reduction based on actuals 1932–33.
72.	Lighting and Heating	525	500	—	25	72. Reduction based on actuals 1932–33.
73.	Secret Service—Police	400	400	—	—	
74.	Secret Service—Desert Patrol	1,500	1,500	—	—	
75.	Contingencies	125	125	—	—	
76.	Pension Contributions	370	370	—	—	
77.	Purchase of Water	125	150	25	—	77. Provision for 1933–34 insufficient.
78.	Miscellaneous Stores	150	150	—	—	
79.	Cost of Living Allowance	165	165	—	—	
80.	Photographic and finger-print equipment	75	45	—	30	80. Decrease agreed to by Officer Commanding Arab Legion.
81.	Postage, Telegrams, and Telephones	2,200	2,200	—	—	
82.	Tentage	150	150	—	—	
83.	Insurance of Stores	41	41	—	—	
84.	Petrol and Maintenance of Transport	3,950	3,550	—	400	84. Decrease agreed to by Officer Commanding Arab Legion.
85.	Upkeep of Wireless	210	400	190	—	85. Present provision insufficient to maintain W/T and arms at proper standard.
86.	Maintenance of Armament	150	350	200	—	86.
87.	Ammunition	550	550	—	—	
	TOTAL OTHER CHARGES	31,581	31,431	990	1,140	
	TOTAL POLICE AND PRISONS	102,430	102,730	4,496	4,196	NET INCREASE, £P.300.
	HEAD XIX. MISCELLANEOUS.					
1.	Typewriters	350	350	—	—	
2.	Safes	100	100	—	—	
3.	Transport of Specie	75	75	—	—	

4.	Contribution to Agricultural Bank	3,500	3,500	—	—	
5.	Commission to Stamp Vendors	15	15	—	—	
6.	Stamp dies and printing of stamps	70	70	—	—	
7.	Pension contributions to Palestine Government ..	600	600	—	—	
8.	Printing and Stationery	3,050	3,450	400	—	8. *Vide* Memorandum.
9.	Sundries	709	510	—	199	
10.	Crown Agents' Expenses	200	200	—	—	
11.	Entertainment of Distinguished Guests	50	—	—	50	
12.	Repatriation	50	50	—	—	
	TOTAL MISCELLANEOUS	8,769	8,920	400	249	NET INCREASE £P.151.
	HEAD XX.—AUDIT DEPARTMENT.					
	A. Personal Emoluments.					
1.	Auditor	200	200	—	—	
2.	Chief Examiner .. .. £P.48—2—58	672	696	24	—	2. Annual increment.
3.	Clerk .. .. £P.26—1—31	372	—	—	372	3. Cancelled.
4.	Clerk .. .. £P.21—1—25	293	300	7	—	4. Increment.
5.	2 Clerks .. .. £P.17—½—20	480	426	—	54	5. Change in holders of posts.
6.	3 Clerks .. .. £P.13—½—16	—	468	468	—	6. One from item 7. Two new posts.
7.	4 Clerks .. .. £P. 9—½—12	560	—	—	560	7. *Vide* items 6 and 8.
8.	3 Clerks .. .. £P. 9—½—12	—	428	428	—	8. From item 7.
9.	5 Clerks .. .. £P. 6—½— 8	461	—	—	461	9. *Vide* item 10.
10.	6 Clerks .. .. £P. 6—½— 8	—	484	484	—	10. Includes one new post as from 1st October, 1934.
11.	Compensatory Allowance	8	8	—	—	
12.	2 Orderlies at £P.3 p.m. each	60	72	12	—	12. In 1933–34 one of the two orderlies received £P.2 p.m.
	TOTAL PERSONAL EMOLUMENTS	3,106	3,082	1,423	1,447	
	B. Other Charges.					
13.	Transport and Travelling	303	400	97	—	
14.	Lighting and Heating	12	12	—	—	
15.	Contingencies	8	8	—	—	
16.	Postage, Telegrams, and Telephones	25	25	—	—	
17.	Share of Expenses of the Home Establishment of the Colonial Audit Department	56	56	—	—	
	TOTAL OTHER CHARGES	404	501	97	—	
	TOTAL AUDIT DEPARTMENT	3,510	3,583	1,520	1,447	NET INCREASE £P.73.

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Head and Sub-Head of Expenditure.	*Approved Estimates 1933–1934.* £P.	*Revised Estimates 1934–1935.* £P.	*Increase.* £P.	*Decrease.* £P.	*Remarks.*
HEAD XXI. TRIBAL CONTROL BOARD.					
A. Personal Emoluments.					
1. His Highness the Amir Shakir..	840	840	—	—	
2. Clerk .. .. £P.17—½—20	216	—	—	216	2. *Vide* item 3.
3. Clerk .. .. £P.13—½—16	—	156	156	—	3. In lieu of item 2.
4. Nominated Member	60	60	—	—	
TOTAL PERSONAL EMOLUMENTS	1,116	1,056	156	216	
B. Other Charges.					
5. Transport and Travelling	100	50	—	50	
TOTAL OTHER CHARGES	100	50	—	50	
TOTAL TRIBAL CONTROL BOARD	1,216	1,106	156	266	NET DECREASE £P.110.
HEAD XXII. TRANS-JORDAN FRONTIER FORCE (EXTRAORDINARY).					
1. One-sixth of the Trans-Jordan Frontier Force Ordinary Expenditure	30,715	29,387	—	1,328	NET DECREASE £P.1,328.

Head and Sub-Head of Expenditure.	*Original Estimates.* £P.	*Actual Expenditure to 30th September, 1933.* £P.	*Estimated further Expenditure to 31st March, 1934.* £P.	*Estimated Expenditure 1934–1935.* £P.	*Remarks.*
HEAD XXIII.—PUBLIC WORKS EXTRAORDINARY.					
Kerak.					
1. Repairs to Governorate..	1,200	90	90	100	
2. Repairs to Boys' School	2,000	457	100	400	
3. Improvement of Courts	100	—	—	100	
4. Improvement Ghor Es Safi Police Post and construction of stables	150	—	—	150	
Amman.					
5. Repairs to His Highness's Residence	1,000	400	85	100	
6. Furniture for His Highness's Office	300	—	—	300	
7. Additions and Improvements to Central Prison and Arab Legion Camp	2,000	470	230	700	
8. Fire Fighting Equipment for Customs House ..	90	—	—	90	
9. Completion of Marka Police Post	100	—	—	100	
Irbid.					
10. Repairs to Boys' School	190	—	90	100	
11. Construction of Barracks	300	—	—	300	
Ma'an.					
12. Improvements to Prison	80	—	—	80	
Jerash.					
13. Expropriation of Prison	300	—	—	300	
Desert.					
14. Rum Fort	1,800	—	900	900	
Roads.					
15. Completion of Amman–Es Salt Road ..	20,000	13,200	1,500	950	
16. Reconstruction, Es Salt–Allenby Bridge Road ..	35,000	393	—	3,500	
17. Improvement of Ma'enn Thermal Baths Road ..	2,000	—	—	330	
Revotes from 1933–34.					
18. Customs Post, Jisr Sheikh Hussein	125	—	—	125	
19. Bathroom and Women's Cell, Irbid Prison ..	150	—	—	150	
20. Improvements, Ajlun Prison	140	—	—	140	
				8,915	
HEAD XXIV.—POSTS AND TELEGRAPHS EXTRAORDINARY.					
1. Purchase and Installation of new telephone exchange	3,500	—	—	500	
HEAD XXV.—POLICE AND PRISONS EXTRAORDINARY.					
1. Replacement of 6 cars, Desert Patrol..	1,450	—	—	1,450	
2. Purchase of 2 W/T sets for posts at Jebel Rum and El Gharandal	420	—	—	420	
3. Purchase of 3 cars for Mobile Reserve	1,000	—	—	1,000	
4. Revote of provision for anti-riot equipment	180	—	—	180	
TOTAL POLICE AND PRISONS EXTRAORDINARY..				3,050	

Head and Sub-Head of Expenditure.	Original Estimate. £P.	Actual Expenditure to 30-9-1933. £P.	Estimated further Expenditure to 31-3-1934. £P.	Estimated Expenditure, 1934-35. £P.	Remarks.
HEAD XXVI.—AGRICULTURE EXTRAORDINARY.					
1. Expropriation of land at Ruseifa	1,200	—	—	300	
2. Revote of provision for planting date palms at Azrak	300	—	60	240	
TOTAL AGRICULTURE EXTRAORDINARY	—	—	—	540	
HEAD XXVII.—MINISTRY OF FINANCE EXTRAORDINARY.					
1. Registration of buildings at Es Salt and Madeba for House and Land Tax	250	—	—	250	
HEAD XXVIII.—HIS HIGHNESS THE AMIR EXTRAORDINARY.					
1. Visit to United Kingdom	1,000	—	—	1,000	
2. Special Private Expenses	2,000	—	—	2,000	
TOTAL HIS HIGHNESS THE AMIR EXTRAORDINARY	—	—	—	3,000	
HEAD XXIX.—RELIEF MEASURES—1934.					
1. Relief Works	10,440	—	—	10,440	
2. Replenishing flocks and seed grants	4,560	—	620	3,940	
TOTAL RELIEF MEASURES, 1934	—	—	—	14,380	
HEAD XXX.—TRANS-JORDAN FRONTIER FORCE EXTRAORDINARY.					
1. One-sixth of Estimated Extraordinary Expenditure Trans-Jordan Frontier Force	5,438	—	—	5,438	
HEAD XXXI.—EXPENDITURE OUT OF GRANTS FROM COLONIAL DEVELOPMENT FUND.					
1. Improvement of water supplies in Trans-Jordan ..	6,450	—	4,000	1,500	

Enclosure 2 in No. 39.

MEMORANDUM ON THE REVISED ESTIMATES OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE OF THE TRANS-JORDAN GOVERNMENT FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR, 1934-1935.

REVENUE.

Head I.—Customs and Excise.

Sub-head 2, Customs Share, Palestine.—As an agreement has now been arrived at with the Government of Palestine for the revision of the basis on which Trans-Jordan's share of Palestine Customs receipts should be calculated, an increase of £P.5,000 is shown in the estimated receipts from this source.

The figures for 1933-34 show that on this revised basis Trans-Jordan will benefit to the extent of £P.8,000 per annum but it would not be safe to count on the volume of imports into Trans-Jordan remaining at the level of 1933-34 which was an abnormal year in which trade was stimulated by the employment provided by the 'Iraq Petroleum Company.

Head II.—Licences, Taxes, etc.

The original Estimates for 1934-35 were based on the assumption that the new Land Tax would be introduced in the liwas of Ma'an and Kerak, in which the Qada of Tafila is included, and an estimated increase of £P.1,170 was shown under Sub-heads 9, 11, 12, and 20 of the original Estimates.

It is now apparent that the introduction of the Land Tax in the Qadas of Madeba and Amman also can be effected and the estimated receipts under Items 10, 12, 13, 18, and 20 of the revised Estimates have been based on this new factor and on the Secretary of State's instructions that a reduction of revenue should be made to provide for possible remissions of taxation. The total revised estimate under these Sub-heads is £P.76,800 as compared with £P.78,820 in the original Estimates. The revised estimate allows for the possible remission of £P.6,000.

Under Sub-head 9, Animal Tax, a further reduction of £P.1,000 has been made in the revised estimate in the light of the information now available regarding further losses and sale of livestock.

Under Sub-head 10, an estimate of £P.100 is shown under Temettu Tax which was not shown in the original Estimates. Although this Tax has been abolished, there are arrears outstanding from previous years.

Sub-head 19, Income Tax, has been reduced in accordance with the instructions conveyed in paragraph 6 of the Secretary of State's despatch Trans-Jordan, confidential, dated the 19th of January, 1934*. The estimated revenue from income tax payable by members of the Trans-Jordan Frontier Force is £P.1,000 but a reduction of £P.500 only has been made as the data at present available shows that it will be possible to realize a total of £P.5,000 in receipts from income tax payable by persons other than members of the Trans-Jordan Frontier Force.

Some slight variations have been made under other sub-heads in the light of actual receipts up to the 31st of January of the present financial year.

Head III.—Fees of Court or Office, etc.

The estimate receipts under Sub-heads 2, 3, 9, 10, 11 and 16 have been altered on the basis of the actual receipts in 1933-34 up to the 31st of January. The net result is an increase of £P.100 as compared with the original estimates.

Head IV.—Posts and Telegraphs and Head V, Revenue from Government Property.

No change has been made.

Head VI.—Interest.

Sub-head 5, Interest on Agricultural Loans, has been increased by £P.870 which is the estimated amount of the interest payable by the Agricultural Bank on the advance obtained from the Palestine Government. Provision for the payment of interest by the Trans-Jordan Government to the Palestine Government in respect of this advance appears in the revised Estimates of Expenditure under Head II, Item 2. The Secretary of State's despatch Trans-Jordan No. 179 dated the 30th December, 1933† and enclosure, refer.

Head VII.—Miscellaneous Receipts.

As directed by the Secretary of State in paragraph 4 of his despatch Trans-Jordan, confidential, dated the 19th of January, 1934*, the estimate of receipts from the profits of the Palestine Currency Board (Sub-head 2) has been increased. The estimate of £P.5,000 now shown was given verbally by the Treasurer, Palestine, to the Financial Adviser, Trans-Jordan.

Head VIII.—Sale of State Domains.

No change.

Head IX.—Grant-in-aid of Trans-Jordan Government.

The figure of £P.60,000 shown under this Head is the amount of the Grant provisionally approved in the Secretary of State's despatch Trans-Jordan, confidential, dated the 23rd of February, 1934‡.

Head X.—Grant-in-aid of Trans-Jordan Frontier Force.

No change.

Head XI.—Grants from Colonial Development Fund.

This Head shows the estimated receipts during 1934-35 from the Grant authorized in the Secretary of State's despatch No. 150 of the 19th of October, 1933§.

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* No. 35. † 17751/33 [No. 5]: not printed. ‡ No. 38.
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EXPENDITURE.

1. For reasons which will be set forth in detail in this memorandum changes have been made under the majority of Heads of Expenditure and, with the exception of sheets 3, 6, 13, 14, 15, 22, in which no change has been made, the detailed schedules of Expenditure have been retyped and numbered in the same sequence as those of the original Estimates so that they can be substituted in each case for the original schedule bearing the same number.

The detailed Estimates in their revised form have been accepted by the Executive Council.

2. The revised Abstract Statement of Estimated Expenditure based on the detailed Estimates accepted by the Executive Council, shows a net increase of £P.2,492 under Ordinary Expenditure, which is due to the insertion of the following items:—

£P.870 under Head II, Item 2, Interest payable to the Palestine Government. This is covered by a corresponding amount under Revenue Head VI, Sub-head 5.

£P.1,400 under Head IV, Pensions and Gratuities. The necessity for this increase will be explained in the relevant section of this memorandum.

£P.225 under Head XVIII-A, under Items 11 and 12, to provide for an additional British Officer in the Arab Legion. This was inserted at the request of the British Resident.

It will be seen from the foregoing that in revising the Estimates of Ordinary Expenditure the Executive Council have met any increased provision which they voluntarily inserted by making a corresponding reduction on other items.

3. For facility of reference the explanations and comments submitted in the covering memorandum to the original Estimates will be recapitulated below, in so far as they are still applicable, and an explanation given of the changes introduced in the revised Estimates compared with the original Estimates.

Head I.—Civil List.

At His Highness's request provision was made in the original Estimates for three new items under Other Charges, namely: Transport and Travelling, Lighting and Heating and Contingencies for His Highness's Office. His Highness has now asked that the Clerk provided for under Items 7–8 should be promoted from £P.6–8 *per mensem* to £P.9–12 *per mensem* and has suggested that in order to provide for the increase in salary the provision of £P.50 for Transport and Travelling made under Item 11 of the original Estimates should be deleted. This has been agreed to by the Executive Council.

In both the original and revised Estimates the Executive Council have made provision for the promotion of His Highness's clerk and Imam (Items 5–6) in compliance with a request made by His Highness.

The Executive Council's acceptance of these promotions is based on His Highness's opinion of the merits and responsibilities of the officers concerned.

Head II.—Public Debt and Loan Charges.

Provision of £P.870 has been made under a new item for the payment of interest on the loan from the Government of Palestine to the Government of Trans-Jordan for the issue of seed loans. The interest payable by the Agricultural Bank to the Government of Trans-Jordan is shown under Revenue Head VI, Sub-head 5.

The Secretary of State's despatch Trans-Jordan No. 179 dated the 30th December, 1933*, and enclosure, refer. The original amount of the loan was £P.30,000 but it has since been reduced to £P.21,000 as it was found that £P.9,000 was in excess of actual requirements.

Head III.—Legislature.

In forming the new Executive Council it was considered expedient to select one elected representative from the Legislative Council and place him on the Executive Council at a salary of £P.38–46. Provision has been made accordingly under Items 1–2 in the revised Estimates.

Under Items 4 and 5 an economy has been effected by reducing the status of the post of Secretary to the Council (£P.21–25 *per mensem*) to that of clerk to the Council at £P.17–20 *per mensem*.

Head IV.—Pensions and Gratuities.

It has been found necessary to increase the provision for pensions under Item 1 by £P.600 making a total of £P.5,100. A list of pensioners is appended to these Estimates and it will be seen that the present commitments amount to £P.400 *per mensem* or £P.4,800 per annum. This leaves a necessary margin of £P.300 for new pensions which may be awarded during 1934–35.

Item 2. Gratuities, has been increased by £P.800 to cover the payments to be made to Messrs. Mitchell, Blofeld, and Head under the proposals submitted in the British Resident's letter to His Excellency the High Commissioner No. 4/Sec. dated 20th of February, 1934.

Head V.—Chief Minister and Interior.

In forming the new Executive Council it was decided to abolish the post of Chief Secretary at £P.48–2–56 and to appoint a Secretary to the Chief Minister on the lower grade of £P.38–2–46 who will not be a member of the Council. To take the place of the Chief Secretary on the Council a new post of Administrative Inspector graded £P.38–2–46 has been created and one of the elected representatives in the Legislative Council selected to fill the post. Provision has been made on this basis under Items 2, 3, 4.

The promotion of the Assistant Secretary provided for under Item 4 of the original Estimates is no longer considered necessary and Item 5 of the revised Estimates has been altered accordingly.

Under Item 9, one post at £P.6–½–8 has been abolished.

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Head VII.—Ministry of Justice.

The provision for the salary of the Minister of Justice under Item 1 has been deleted. On the appointment of the new Executive Council it was decided that the Chief Minister should exercise the functions of Minister of Justice and Qadi Quda.

Under Items 3 and 4 provision is made for the promotion of the Superintendent. This will place him on a higher grade than other officers who occupy posts of similar responsibility. The Judicial Adviser is, however, most anxious that this officer should be promoted.

Under Items 10 and 11 of the original Estimates provision was made for the promotion of two members of the Court of Appeal. It has now been decided not to effect these promotions and the revised Estimates have been amended accordingly.

Under Items 17 and 35 provision has been made for two additional orderlies at £P.2 *per mensem*, from the 1st of October, 1934. The present establishment of office orderlies is inadequate.

Under Items 25 and 31 provision has been made for an additional member and an additional clerk for the Court of First Instance at Irbid. The Judicial Adviser is of opinion that this increase is necessary.

Item 38 provides for an additional Magistrate who will be stationed at Ma'an. In the past the duties of Magistrate have been entrusted to the Qadi in addition to his normal work in the Sharia Court. This arrangement is unsatisfactory and the work of the Magistrate's Court is increasing.

Head IX.—Ministry of Finance.

Under Item 13 provision has been made for the promotion of two Treasury Clerks. This is considered necessary partly on account of the nature of the work on which these two officers are employed and partly because there has been stagnation in the lower grades of the Treasury staff for a number of years. Item 13 also provides for an additional Treasury clerk at £P.9–12 who will be employed on checking Arab Legion and Posts and Telegraphs accounts. With the gradual expansion of Government services work in the Treasury increases automatically and the need for this new post was so keenly felt that His Excellency the High Commissioner's approval was sought for the appointment of this officer on a temporary basis during the latter part of 1933–34.

Under Other Charges the provision for Tithe Estimation (Item 23) has been reduced from £P.850 to £P.60. The introduction of the new Land Tax practically does away with tithe estimation and the small provision which has been retained is to cover any expenditure which may be necessary for the assessment of Rental Tithe on State Domains.

Item 24, Expenses of Animal Enumeration, has been increased by £P.100 as compared with 1933–34. The provision for 1933–34 has proved insufficient.

Head X.—Customs and Excise.

Under Item 3 provision has been made for the promotion of the Inspector. In practice this officer is Deputy Director and acts as Director in Mr. Turner's absence. The proposed new grade is not too high for a post which carries so much responsibility.

In the original estimates 3 new posts of Head Guard were asked for on account of the increase in the work of the Department. Owing to the urgent need for economy the Director of Customs has agreed that only two of these posts should be filled in 1934–35 and the provision under Item 11 of the revised Estimates has been reduced accordingly.

Head XI.—Public Health Department.

Item 33 provides for an additional anti-malarial officer who will be employed at the Zerka Ma'een Thermal Baths during the 3 months of the season and will work in the Madeba sub-district during the remainder of the year.

The provision under Item 47, Subsidy to the Es Salt Hospital, has been increased as the result of negotiations conducted by the British Resident.

Head XIA.—Ma'an Quarantine.

As no expenditure has been incurred under this Head for several years, the Executive Council have decided to delete the provision from the Estimates.

Head XII.—Education Department.

Under Item 16 of the original Estimates provision was made for 3 schoolmasters for the Desert Schools of Azrak, Mudawara, and Bair. In revising the Estimates the Executive Council decided to limit the provision to two schoolmasters and to postpone the appointment of the third until the Government's financial position improves. Item 16 of the revised Estimates has been amended accordingly.

Item 18 provides for 4 new Masters for the Boys school at Amman and under Item 26 provision has been made for two additional school mistresses for the Girls school at Amman. The number of applicants for admission to the Government schools at Amman is increasing rapidly and in the circumstances an increase in the staff of the schools is necessary.

Item 47 provides for the entry of three more pupils in the Kadoorie Agricultural school, Palestine.

Head XIII.—Agriculture, Forests, and Veterinary.

Under Item 10 the provision for 5 gardeners at £P.6 *per mensem* has been cancelled and replaced by provision under Items 11–12 of one overseer at £P.17–½–20 and one overseer at £P.9–½–12. The Director of Agriculture considers that the present system of small nurseries in the districts is unsatisfactory and is of the opinion that a large central nursery under proper supervision will give better results. It is with this end in view that the change has been made.

Head XVI.—Posts and Telegraphs Department.

Item 16 provides for two additional telephone operators at £P.6-½-8 *per mensem*. In the covering memorandum submitted with the original Estimates it was stated that these posts were required for the operation of the new telephone exchange. For reasons which will be set forth in the section of this memorandum which covers Extraordinary Expenditure, it has been found necessary to postpone making provision for the purchase and installation of the new exchange. The Postmaster-General now states that owing to the heavy traffic in trunk calls he will require these two operators even if the new exchange is not installed this year.

Item 19 of the original Estimates provided for an additional Technical Officer at £P.17-½-20 for the installation and supervision of the new exchange. As the purchase of this exchange may be delayed the Executive Council decided to effect a temporary economy by deleting this post.

Item 22 of the original Estimates provided for 2 additional head linesmen. These were primarily required for work in connexion with the new exchange. Although the purchase of the new exchange may be postponed the Executive Council wish to retain this provision under Item 21 of the revised Estimates, in the hope that it may be possible to reinsert the necessary provision under Extraordinary Expenditure if the financial position improves during the financial year 1934-35. If the installation of the new exchange cannot be carried out these two posts will not be filled.

Item 24 provides for 3 additional linesmen for the upkeep of new lines completed in 1933-34.

The increased provision under Item 29, Transport and Travelling, is for the payment of forage allowance to the new linesmen.

The increased provision under Item 34, Transport of Mails, has been made to meet the cost of running a daily postal service with Syria. At the present time this service only runs on 3 days in the week.

Head XVII.—Lands Department.

In the original Estimates the designation of certain posts was changed to meet the requirements of Land Settlement work which commenced during 1933-34 on the completion of demarcation and valuation for fiscal purposes. The changes made did not entail any increase in establishment or in emoluments.

At the request of the Director of Lands further changes have been made which result in a saving of £P.126 as compared with the original Estimates. The only item calling for special explanation in addition to the information given on the schedule under "Remarks" is Item 4. Under the provision made for the 2 Inspectors the former Chief Clerk and Technical Assistant (Item 3) will be promoted from £P.21-1-25 *per mensem* to £P.26-1-31 *per mensem*. The duties of the new post justify this promotion.

Under Item 37 the provision for Survey Marks has been increased by £P.500 to meet the requirements of Land Settlement work.

HEAD XVIII.—Police and Prisons.

A. Police.

Under Items 11 and 12 provision has been made for the salary and expatriation allowance of an additional British Officer from 1st October, 1934. This provision was inserted at the request of the British Resident.

Under Items 17 to 20 the establishment of Wireless Telegraph operators has been reclassified. This results in an increase of £P.12 per annum although there is no increase in the number of operators. The Officer Commanding the Arab Legion considers that this reclassification will result in increased efficiency.

Item 32 provides for the promotion of one Wakil to the rank of Mulazim Thani. The Wakil in question is in charge of the Desert area through which the 'Iraq Petroleum Company pipe-line has been laid and this has added to the responsibility of his post.

The provision under Item 52, Desert Allowance, has been increased to meet the payment of that allowance to the operators who will be stationed at Jebel Rum and Gharandal—*vide* the section of this memorandum covering Head XXV—Police and Prisons Extraordinary.

Item 53 provides for menials for Desert Posts. The Bedu members of the Desert Patrol will not do scavenging work.

Item 56—Legal Adviser. Reference is invited to page 8 of the memorandum on the original Estimates, and on page 4 of the British Resident's covering letter No. 4668, dated the 4th of December, 1933. The Executive Council have now reinserted the provision for this post at the request of the British Resident who is of opinion that this officer should be employed as Legal Instructor to members of the Arab Legion.

In the original Estimates the Executive Council reduced the provision made under certain items of Other Charges to a figure below the approved Estimates for 1933-34. In all cases where such reductions were made the provision for 1934-35 has been left slightly higher than the actual expenditure for 1932-33. Most of the reductions were not agreed to by the Officer Commanding the Arab Legion but they were approved by the British Resident—*vide* pages 4 and 5 of his covering letter to the original Estimates. The provision made in the revised Estimates under Other Charges, Police, is the same as the provision in the original Estimates.

B. Prisons.

The remarks made above in regard to Police, Other Charges, are also applicable to Prisons, Other Charges.

Head XIX.—Miscellaneous.

Item 8, Printing and Stationery, shows an increase of £P.400. This increase is primarily required to meet the demands of the Ministry of Justice resulting from the reorganization of the filing system in the Courts throughout the country.

Item 11, Entertainment of Distinguished Guests, has been deleted as no expenditure was incurred under this item during 1933-34.

Head XX.—Audit Department.

The reorganization of the staff of this Department is based on proposals submitted by the Auditor. The staff provided for does not satisfy all the Auditor's requirements but it is believed that he is prepared to agree to the present establishment for the time being.

At the Auditor's request certain changes have been made under Items 5 to 8 of the revised Estimates. These changes result in a small saving of £P.21 and do not entail an increase in the number of officers.

Item 13, Transport and Travelling, for which £P.203 was provided in the original Estimates has been increased to £P.400 in the revised Estimates in compliance with paragraph 5(*c*) of His Excellency the High Commissioner's despatch No. T/424/33 of the 13th December, 1933.

Head XXI.—Tribal Control Board.

In the original Estimates the Executive Council deleted the provision for the clerk at £P.17-20 under Item 2. As the result of the representations made by the Officer Commanding the Arab Legion the new Executive Council have now agreed to provide for a clerk at £P.13-½-16. Paragraph 5(*d*) of His Excellency the High Commissioner's despatch No. T/424/33 of the 13th December, 1933 refers.

EXTRAORDINARY EXPENDITURE.

Head XXIII.—Public Works Extraordinary.

The provision under Items 1, 2, 5, 7, 10, 14, 15, and 16 is for the continuation of works which have already been sanctioned.

Items 18, 19, and 20 are revotes from 1933-34 which will be met from the anticipated surplus at 31st March, 1934.

The remaining items have been carefully selected from a long list of urgent works and the only detailed remarks considered necessary are the following:—

Item 6, His Highness the Amir has an office in the town of Amman at which he attends daily to deal with Government business, His Highness, for financial reasons, has not been able to furnish the office in a style becoming to his position and has asked that the Government should provide the necessary furniture.

Item 13. The present prison at Jerash is in a most unsatisfactory condition both from the point of view of health and security. The building is rented and the owner refuses to effect any alterations; there are no other suitable buildings at Jerash. As it would be unsound to spend Government money on a building which is not Government property it is proposed that the building should be expropriated and that further provision should be made in 1935-36 for the necessary alterations.

Item 17. The road to Zerka Ma'een Baths was opened by village labour and is passable for light cars. It is, however, very steep, narrow, and dangerous and it has not, so far, been possible to build culverts. The baths will, it is hoped, prove to be a source of considerable revenue to the Government if they are properly developed. The first stage of development is the improvement of the Road.

Head XXIV.—Posts and Telegraphs Extraordinary.

Provision was made in the original Estimates for £P.3,000 to defray the cost of purchasing and installing a new central battery exchange. This figure was based on a preliminary report by the Chief Engineer of the Department of Posts, Telegraphs, and Telephones, Palestine. A subsequent detailed report by the same officer revealed that the total cost was estimated at £P.3,500.

Owing to the necessity for a comprehensive scheme for relief throughout Trans-Jordan the Government has reluctantly agreed to postpone the purchase of the new exchange. Reference is invited to His Excellency the High Commissioner's confidential despatch to the Secretary of State dated the 12th of March, 1934* on the subject of relief measures and the manner in which the proposed expenditure would be met.

The Trans-Jordan Government hope that it will be possible to increase the estimates of revenue later in the year when the state of the 1934 harvest is known and to then seek the approval of His Majesty's Government for the insertion of full provision for the new exchange. Full particulars of the scheme will be submitted when this approval is asked for. In the meantime it has been possible to insert the provision of £P.500 within the limits of the present estimates and it is hoped that this will be allowed as a basis for the provision at a later date of the full amount of the estimated cost of the new exchange.

Head XXV.— Police and Prisons Extraordinary.

Under Item 1 provision has been made for the replacement of 6 Ford cars of the Desert Patrol. The heavy work to which these cars are subjected in country where no roads exist makes it essential that a number of cars should be replaced at frequent intervals in order to maintain the efficiency of the Force.

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* 37734/34 [No. 15]: not printed.

Item 2 provides for the purchase of two additional Wireless Telegraph sets which are to be located at Jebel Rum, where a fort is being built, and at El Gharandal where a permanent post is maintained.

Item 3 provides for the purchase of three cars for the Arab Legion mobile reserve. Paragraph 5 (*e*) of His Excellency the High Commissioner's despatch No. T/424/33 dated the 13th of December, 1933*, refers. The estimate of £P.1,000 is provisional as the Officer Commanding the Arab Legion has not so far been able to submit a detailed estimate.

Item 4 provides for the revote of the provision sought in 1933-34 from General Savings for the purchase of batons, steel helmets, and shields for the Arab Legion. The British Resident's letters No. 4217/8 dated the 10th of February, 1934, and the 19th of March, 1934, refer.

Head XXVI.—Agriculture Extraordinary.

Item 1. A Government Agricultural Station exists at Ruseifa on irrigated land taken on a two years' lease which expires in October, 1934. It is most desirable that such a station should be on Government land. No suitable Government land is available and the proposal is that 48½ dunems of land, including the area at present occupied, should be expropriated. It is hoped that the scheme will be extended when funds can be provided for the purpose.

Item 2, is a revote out of the approved provision for 1933-34 for the planting of date palms at Azrak. The scheme had to be delayed until the appropriate season of the year.

Head XXVII.—Ministry of Finance Extraordinary.

Provision has been made for the cost of registering and valuing property within the Municipal areas of Es Salt and Madeba under the House and Land Tax Law, 1925 (Seton page 563). The application of this Law has become necessary as the result of the introduction of the new Land Tax which does not cover urban property.

Head XXVIII.—His Highness The Amir (Extraordinary).

Provision has been made under this Head for the special non-recurrent grants to His Highness referred to in paragraph 5 (*a*) and (*b*) of His Excellency the High Commissioner's despatch No. T/424/33 dated the 13th of December, 1933*.

Head XXIX.—Relief Measures, 1934.

The estimated expenditure in 1934-35 consists of the £P.15,000 of which particulars were submitted to the Secretary of State in His Excellency the High Commissioner's confidential despatch, dated the 12th of March, 1934†, less the sum of £P.620 for seed grants which will be issued before the close of the financial year 1933-34.

Head XXXI.—Expenditure out of Grants from the Colonial Development Fund.

This Head shows the estimated expenditure during 1934-35 out of the Grant authorized in the Secretary of State's despatch No. 150, dated the 19th of October, 1933‡.

The estimated expenditure is £P.1,500 which is £P.200 in excess of the estimated receipts shown under Revenue Head XI. The reason for this is that application has been made for the issue of £P.4,200 from the Grant during the last quarter of 1933-34. In accordance with the procedure laid down by the Secretary of State the application made included the estimated expenditure for the first month of the succeeding quarter (April, 1934) which amounts to £P.200.

Enclosure 3 in No. 39.

(No. 4668.)

YOUR EXCELLENCY, 24th March, 1934.

I have the honour to refer to the Secretary of State's Confidential despatches, dated the 19th of January, 1934§, and the 23rd of February, 1934‖, on the subject of the Estimates of the Trans-Jordan Administration, and to submit herewith revised Estimates in the following form with a covering memorandum by the Financial Adviser:—

(A) Revised Abstract Statement of Estimated Revenue.
(B) Revised Abstract Statement of Estimated Expenditure.
(C) Revised Summary showing the Estimated Surplus at the 31st of March, 1935.
(D) Revised Detailed Schedules of the Estimated Revenue.
(E) Revised Detailed Schedules of Expenditure in respect of Heads of Expenditure in which changes have been made.
(F) A Nominal Roll of Pensioners in support of the increased provision made for pensions.

2. The revised estimated Expenditure, excluding the Trans-Jordan Frontier Force and expenditure out of Grants from the Colonial Development Fund, is £P.342,787 which includes £P.835 for revotes and £P.14,830 for Relief. The revised estimated Revenue, excluding Grants, is £P.269,870, leaving a deficit of £P.72,917.

It is proposed that £P.60,000 of this deficit should be met from the grant-in-aid provisionally approved in the Secretary of State's confidential despatch of the 23rd of February, 1934, and £P.12,917 from the anticipated surplus at 31st March, 1934, which is shown in enclosure (C) as £P.17,117.

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* No. 34. † 37734/34 [No. 15]: not printed. ‡ 17793/1/33 [No. 14]: not printed.
§ No. 35. ‖ No. 38.

The sum of £P.12,917 required out of the surplus of 1933-34 to meet the deficit of 1934-35 is £P.2,748 less than the provision of £P.14,830 under Expenditure Head XXIX for Relief Measures and the £P.835 provided for revotes.

3. The instructions given by the Secretary of State in his confidential despatch of the 19th of January, 1934, regarding the modification of the form of the Estimates have been complied with and a margin of £P.6,000 for remission of taxation has been allowed—*vide* the Financial Adviser's memorandum. Full provision for relief measures has been made under expenditure and the Estimates have been balanced and show an estimated surplus at 31st March, 1935, of £P.4,000.

4. I have no remarks to add to those made by the Financial Adviser in regard to Revenue but as regards Expenditure would comment as follows:—

Head V.—On the recent change of Government provision was originally made to pay the Secretary to the Chief Minister at £P.32-1-37 per month. The post, however, is a responsible one and the work very hard and provision is now made at the more adequate rate of £P.38-2-46.

Head VII. (*Item* 4.)—The Superintendent in the Judicial Adviser's Office is responsible for the translation of the draft laws into Arabic as well as for the ordinary work of his post and I am of opinion that his promotion is fully justified.

(*Item* 25) provides for the addition of a member to the Court of First Instance at Irbid so that there may be one relieving Judge between the three Courts of First Instance which hitherto have consisted of the President and one member only.

(*Item* 38) provides for an additional Magistrate. This is now necessary and has only been avoidable hitherto because a Judge was available who could combine the duties of Civil Magistrate and Sharia Judge as well.

The Judicial Adviser strongly recommends the appointment of a Court Inspector and whilst I think this highly desirable I have asked the Judicial Adviser to continue to make shift with the services of the third member of the Court of Appeal for the present.

Head X. (*Item* 3.)—The promotion of the Inspector of Customs is overdue and is very well deserved.

Head XI. (*Item* 47.)—The only hospital in Es Salt is that run by the C.M.S. and in order to make it possible for the Society to keep it open the Government has subsidized it to the extent of £P.20 per month. The Society recently took a decision to close the Hospital, but arrangements have been made to reopen it as a ten-bedded unit provided the Government will raise its subsidy to £P.33 per month. This the Government is prepared to do and early sanction for this provision is earnestly requested. The possibility of transferring the C.M.S. Hospital from Jaffa to Es Salt is under consideration.

Head XVII. (*Items* 3 *and* 4.)—The transfer to a post outside the Department of Lands of an Inspector (the Controller of State Domains) has necessitated the promotion of the Chief Clerk to fill the vacancy and his consequent replacement.

Head XVIII. (*Items* 11 *and* 12.)—Provision is made for the additional British officer, referred to in Your Excellency's Secret despatch B of the 23rd February, 1934*, to the Secretary of State, at the rate of £P.400 plus £P.50 per annum, but I have subsequently recommended that the commencing salary should be £P.348 instead of £P.400.

(*Item* 56.)—It is not possible for the Judicial Adviser and the President of the Court of Appeal to continue to act as Instructors in Law to the Arab Legion and in view of the urgent need of continuing such instruction I recommend that the post of Legal Adviser should be retained and that this official should be lecturer in Law at the Police School.

5. The comparison made by the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury in paragraph 11 of their letter to the Secretary of State No. S.35961/01/34 of the 15th of February, 1934†, between the draft Estimates of recurrent expenditure for 1934-35 and the actual expenditure in previous years, does not convey a fair criticism of the position inasmuch as certain important facts have not been taken into consideration.

(1) The actual recurrent expenditure in 1932-33, excluding the British Resident's Office and the Trans-Jordan Frontier Force, was £P.289,985 and the revised Estimates of recurrent expenditure for 1934-35 shows a total of £P.312,152. The difference between the two figures is £P.22,167.

Of this increase approximately *£P.7,400* is due to increments, new pensions, gratuities and other commitments of a similar nature.

In 1932-33 the Trans-Jordan Government was compelled to call on all Departments to effect temporary economies to meet remissions of taxation and the cost of relief works. The abstract account of receipts and payments for the year 1932-33 shows that, with the exception of the Legislature and the Civil List, there was a considerable saving under each Head of Expenditure and the total saving amounted to £P.9,033. This was made up of:—general savings under Personal Emoluments due to temporary vacancies; small savings distributed over a large number of items of expenditure, and temporary economies.

Such savings cannot necessarily be taken into account when the Estimates for subsequent years are drawn up.

The figures and facts given above show that from 1932-33 to 1934-35 the actual expansion of Government Services provided for under recurrent expenditure will be £P.5,734.

(2) With regard to the comparison made by the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury between recurrent expenditure in 1930-31 and the draft Estimates for 1934-35, the following facts and figures may be of interest.

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* 37790/34 [No. 1]: not printed. † No. 37.

The actual recurrent expenditure in 1930-31, excluding the British Resident's Office and the Trans-Jordan Frontier Force was £P.273,992 and the revised Estimates for 1934-35 show a total provision of £P.312,152 for recurrent expenditure. The difference between the two figures is *£P.38,160*.

In 1930-31 there were abnormal savings on expenditure aggregating *£P.16,775* of which £P.8,918 was under " Police and Prisons " (which included the newly-formed Desert Patrol). As already stated under (1) above, such savings cannot necessarily be taken into account in preparing the Estimates for subsequent years.

In 1931-32 provision of £P.16,463 was made for the Desert Patrol whereas the provision in 1930-31, when the Desert Patrol was formed late in the year, was only £P.6,269. Against this increase there was a saving of aproximately £P.3,200 owing to reductions in other branches of the Arab Legion which became possible when the Desert Patrol was formed. The Desert Patrol was formed on the instructions of His Majesty's Government and, as shown above, the immediate increase in the cost of Public Security Services was *£P.6,994*.

It has already been shown under (1) that in the Estimates for the two years 1933-34 and 1934-35 increases aggregating *£P.7,400* were necessary to meet unavoidable commitments.

Similar commitments which had to be met in the two years 1931-32 and 1932-33 would amount to not less than *£P.2,000* and a further commitment of *£P.450* was incurred on instructions from His Majesty's Government when an additional British officer was appointed to the Desert Patrol. To this should be added £P.225 provided in the revised Estimates for 1934-35 for a further British Officer.

The figures and facts set forth above show that with the exception of unavoidable commitments and those incurred at the express wish of His Majesty's Government the Trans-Jordan Government has only provided approximately £P.4,316 for the expansion of Government services under recurrent expenditure during the period 1930-31 to 1934-35.

6. The reduction made by the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury in the grant-in-aid from the sum of £P.61,390 to the round figure of £P.60,000 has made it impossible to provide for the conservation of the ancient building at Meshetta or for the desired additional expenditure in the Departments of Health and Agriculture.

I have, &c.,
C. H. F. Cox,
British Resident.

His Excellency,
The Acting High Commissioner for Trans-Jordan,
Jerusalem.

Enclosure 4 in No. 39.

NOMINAL ROLL OF PENSIONERS AS AT 7TH FEBRUARY, 1934.

Name.	*District.*	*Salary per mensem.* £P. Mils.	*Compensatory Allowance.* £P. Mils.
Tarifeh, mother of Jundi Mohammed Ali	Es Salt	0.300	0.008
Salim, father of Abdulla el Wishah	,,	0.400	—
Sarah, daughter of Jundi Abu Bakir	,,	0.500	0.013
Heirs of Ahmed Abdul Muhdi	,,	1.849	—
Heirs of Jundi Musa el Odeh	,,	1.000	0.026
El Seyid Abdul Fattah el Rashdan	,,	10.000	0.256
Ahmed ibn Mufaddi el Nijdawi	,,	1.708	—
El Sheikh Fihmi Zeid	,,	3.440	—
Rashid Pasha el Madfa'i	,,	20.979	—
Fatimah, daughter of Mustafa el Rashdan	,,	0.500	—
Heirs of Jamil el Hadeedi	,,	2.445	—
Mohammed ibn Jundi Abdul Kadir	Jerash	0.500	—
Azeezih, daughter of Nabhan el Kasim	,,	0.500	—
Heirs of Abdul Azeez Zakaria	,,	1.600	—
Heirs of Mohammed Bakri 'atbeleh	,,	2.400	—
Ahmed Fathan	,,	0.300	0.008
Omar Hikmat Bey	Amman	13.000	—
Heirs of Ahmed Tewfic	,,	5.128	—
Hamideh Khanum	,,	2.642	—
Heirs of Ahmed el Said	,,	1.600	—
Heirs of Abdul Hadi Mismar	,,	1.200	—
Heirs of Ali Dahhaj	,,	0.640	0.016
Badee'a, mother of Najib Demashkia	,,	0.410	—
Mohammed ibn el Shurti Fayyath	,,	0.500	—
Mohammed el Fayyath	,,	0.500	—
Habsa, wife of el Shurti Fayyath	,,	0.500	—
Fatimeh Khatoon, mother of el Naib Ya'coub	,,	0.252	—
Heirs of el Jundi Sultan Ismail	,,	1.600	—
Si'da, daughter of Hassan, and wife of Salim Mustafa	,,	1.075	—
Total carried forward		77.468	0.327

Name.	*District.*	*Salary per mensem.* £P. Mils.	*Compensatory Allowance.* £P. Mils.
Total brought forward		77.468	0.327
Heirs of Mohammed Ibrahim Somali	Amman	1.000	—
Heirs of Zuwar Bek	,,	1.000	0.026
Hanifeh, wife of Kaid Mustafa	,,	0.344	—
Mirum, daughter of Jundi Saleh Abdul Rahman	,,	0.500	—
Heirs of Faris Mohammed el Khalil	,,	1.200	—
Heirs of Subhi Abdulla Abu Rashid	,,	1.200	—
'aisheh Jum'a, wife of Kamil Mustafa	,,	3.122	—
Heirs of Abdul Latif el Safadi	,,	2.100	—
Heirs of Kamal Salah	,,	1.545	—
Sabha, daughter of Musa Mohammed Halabi	,,	0.500	—
Heirs of Abdulla el Gaisi	,,	2.400	—
Khairia, wife of Mohammed Amin	,,	0.500	—
Nu'man ibn Mohammed	,,	1.847	—
Hassan Abu Rassa'	,,	2.830	0.072
Heirs of Tahir Abul Toyoor	,,	2.124	0.044
Heirs of Ahmed el Kaid	,,	11.500	0.295
Abdul Salam Kamal	,,	14.420	—
Said el Baba	,,	2.564	—
Heirs of Ghalib Pasha el Shi'lan	,,	8.428	—
Sabri el Ja'ooni	,,	4.100	—
Salim Mathloom	,,	10.333	—
Awath el Kurdi	,,	2.000	0.051
Ritha Tewfic	,,	20.181	—
Tewfic Arabi	,,	4.102	—
Hassan Khalid Pasha	,,	37.033	—
Omar Lutfi	,,	13.500	—
Heirs of Mirza Pasha	,,	6.900	—
Abdul Hadi Arab	,,	8.500	—
Heirs of Ali el Charkas	,,	2.522	—
Heirs of Nimr el Shihabi	,,	3.322	—
Ismail Ali	,,	3.527	—
Murad Omar Mustafa	,,	3.000	—
Mohammed Arif Toukan	,,	9.705	—
Ibrahim Fouzi	,,	3.077	—
Ismail Zuhdi el Maghrabi	,,	7.870	—
Sa'mah, daughter of Yahya Bey	,,	0.991	—
Heirs of Suleiman el Khatib	,,	2.628	—
Younis Yousef	,,	1.400	—
Adib el Kaid	,,	10.500	—
Heirs of Mahmoud Abu Ras	Irbid	8.000	0.206
Fleieh el Abdullah	,,	0.490	0.013
El Abd Shihadeh	,,	0.450	0.012
Khalil el Awath	,,	1.050	0.027
Fandi el Barakat	,,	1.050	0.027
Awath el Ibrahim	,,	0.750	0.019
Ibrahim el Ahmed	,,	0.750	0.019
Faleh el Awath	,,	0.450	0.012
Heirs of Zaid el Safd	,,	0.310	0.008
Habsa, mother of Najib el Sa'd	,,	1.100	0.029
Eid Sweis	,,	0.450	0.012
Heirs of Abdo ibn Abdulla el Ogiah	,,	1.600	—
Mustafa el Mutawali	,,	0.800	0.020
Ali Khulki	,,	14.968	—
Heirs of Ahmed ibn Muhawish	,,	1.200	—
Saleh el Mustafa	,,	8.037	—
Najib el Humoud	,,	10.598	—
Ali Niazi	,,	12.550	—
Mohammed Khair ibn Mohammed Amin	,,	0.500	—
Hussein Mohammed	,,	0.450	—
Heirs of Rashid Abu Ajjaj	Kerak	0.800	—
Khalil Mustafa el Ma'ani	,,	0.170	0.004
Heirs of Mulazim Hussein Keraki	,,	1.200	—
Yousif ibn el Jundi Salim	,,	0.400	—
El Sheikh Tahboub	,,	4.530	—
Hussein el Tarawneh	,,	4.487	—
Itaiwi el Mejalieh	,,	8.750	—
Heirs of Najib Demashkia	,,	0.800	0.020
Hamid Abdul Azeez	,,	2.000	0.051
Fatimeh, daughter of Musa Hilal	,,	0.400	—
Total carried forward		380.873	1.294

Name.	*District.*	*Salary per mensem.* £P. Mils.	*Compensatory Allowance.* £P. Mils.
Total brought forward		380.873	1.294
Mirum, daughter of Badawi el Lahham	Kerak	0.400	—
Heirs of Mohammed Mukhtar	,,	1.200	—
Heirs of Suleiman Halasa	,,	1.000	—
Saleh el Oran	Tafileh	7.500	—
Abdul Nabi el Khatib	,,	1.709	—
El Sheikh Saleh el Mahasneh	,,	2.000	—
Bakheeteh, wife of the Jundi Da'man	Ma'an	0.400	—
Munifeh, daughter of Jundi Da'man	Madeba	0.400	—
Heirs of Salim Salameh et Twal	,,	1.600	0.040
Michael Hashal	,,	1.666	—
Grand Total		398.748	1.334

Enclosure 5 in No. 39.

(Translation.)

CIRCULAR.

The Executive Council has observed that Heads of Departments have up to date followed the principle of asking for provision for the promotion of some of their officials when the draft Estimates are prepared. All such demands require careful study in each separate case before the provision asked for can be made and the time available between the submisssion of Departmental estimates and the preparation of the General Estimates of the Government is not sufficient to permit of proper consideration being given to each individual case. This has resulted in the past in failure on the part of the Government to follow a consistent policy in approving promotions and the Executive Council has consequently decided that the following procedure should be adopted in future:—

When a Head of a Department considers that there is a real need to provide for the promotion of an official he should submit his recommendation to the Executive Council through the Chief Minister setting forth his reasons for recommending the promotion.

If on examination of the application the Executive Council is convinced of the correctness of the application the Ministry of Finance shall be instructed to make the necessary provision.

37729/34 [No. 8]. No. 40.

TRANS-JORDAN.

THE HIGH COMMISSIONER

to

THE SECRETARY OF STATE.

(Received 14th May, 1934.)

[*Answered by No. 44.*]

(Confidential.)

SIR, Jerusalem, 5th May, 1934.

I have the honour to address you regarding the provision of funds in the Estimates of the Trans-Jordan Administration for 1934-35 for the purchase of two Bacterol Disinfecting Cabinets and Apparatus and one Bacterol Portable Disinfector.

2. This equipment, provision for the cost of which was included in Item 1, Purchase of two Bacterol Disinfecting Cabinets and Apparatus and one Bacterol Portable Disinfector, of Head XXVIII, Public Health Extraordinary, of the Trans-Jordan Estimates for 1933-34, was ordered on behalf of the Trans-Jordan Government in January last, and the Crown Agents were requested to arrange that the cost of the goods should be paid before the 31st March. This has proved to be impossible and the cost must consequently be met from the Estimates for the current financial year.

3. I shall be glad, therefore, if you will approve the inclusion of a new item of expenditure of £P.275, forming a new Head, Public Health Department Extraordinary, in the revised draft Estimates for 1934-35 which were enclosed in my despatch Confidential A, of the 29th March*, to cover the purchase of the equipment described.

* No. 39.

4. No increase in the grant-in-aid will be involved as the estimate of the surplus at the 31st March, 1934, to which reference was made in the second paragraph of my despatch, did not take into account the saving resulting from the impossibility of completing the purchase of this equipment before that date.

I have, &c.,

ARTHUR WAUCHOPE,

High Commissioner for Trans-Jordan.

37729/34 [No. 5]. No. 41.

COLONIAL OFFICE

to

TREASURY.

[*Answered by No. 46.*]

SIR, Downing Street, 15th May, 1934.

I am directed by Secretary Sir Philip Cunliffe-Lister to refer to your letter No. S.35961/01/34 of the 15th February* regarding the Estimates of the Trans-Jordan Administration for the financial year 1934-35, and to transmit to you, to be laid before the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury, a copy of a despatch† from the High Commissioner enclosing revised Estimates in accordance with the request made to him in the Secretary of State's despatch of the 19th January‡.

2. The financial position, as disclosed in the revised Estimates, is summarized in paragraph 2 of the despatch, from which it will be seen that the revised Estimates have been prepared on the basis that a grant-in-aid of £60,000 will be issued during the year. In view of the changed circumstances in various items of the Estimates, which are explained in the despatch and its enclosures, the Secretary of State considers that the High Commissioner is justified in budgeting on the assumption that the full grant-in-aid, which has been provisionally sanctioned, will be issued during the year.

3. As regards the collection of income tax from the Trans-Jordan Frontier Force, to which reference is made in paragraph 3 of the despatch, as their Lordships are aware, this question is still under consideration. The Secretary of State would therefore propose, when conveying approval of the Estimates to the High Commissioner, to observe that such approval does not convey sanction for the non-collection of the tax from the Force, and to say that this matter will form the subject of a separate communication in due course.

4. As regards the £21,000 which has been borrowed by the Trans-Jordan Government from the Palestine Government and lent to the Agricultural Bank for seed loans, the High Commissioner confirms that no net charge will fall upon the Trans-Jordan budget during the present financial year. A copy of a despatch from the High Commissioner giving details of the arrangements made with the Palestine Government and the Agricultural Bank is enclosed for their Lordships' information.

5. As regards increased receipts from customs, the Secretary of State agrees with the comment made in the Financial Adviser's memorandum under Head I (Revenue), to the effect that it would not be safe to rely on the volume of imports into Trans-Jordan remaining at the level of 1933-34. As the Financial Adviser points out, this was an abnormal year in which trade was stimulated by the employment provided by the Iraq Petroleum Company. As the pipeline has now been completed, it is unlikely that the volume of imports will remain at the level of the last financial year. A copy of recent correspondence with the High Commissioner regarding the revised arrangements now made between the Palestine and Trans-Jordan Governments in respect of customs receipts was enclosed in the letter from this Department of the 23rd March§.

6. Sir Philip Cunliffe-Lister has the following comments to make upon the estimates of expenditure.

Head III, Legislature.—It will be seen that the changes resulting from the appointment of a new Executive Council have now been incorporated in the Estimates. Reference is invited to Treasury letter No. S/35961/01/33/2, of the 23rd January‖.

* No. 37. † No. 39. ‡ No. 35. § 37734/34 [No. 16]: not printed.
‖ 37757/34 [No. 1]: not printed.

Head IV, Pensions and Gratuities, Item 2.—Provision for gratuities has been increased by £800 in order to cover certain proposed payments to three British officers, whose position the High Commissioner wishes to adjust by new contracts of service. In approving the Estimates, it is, of course, understood that this proposed expenditure will not be incurred until the separate despatch promised by the High Commissioner has been received and considered.

Head V, Chief Minister and Interior.—Attention is invited to Head III.

Head IX, Ministry of Finance, Item 13.—Approval was given in Treasury Letter No. E.30179, of the 24th of March* to the employment of an additional clerk in the Ministry of Finance.

Head XI, Public Health Department, Item 47.—A separate letter has been addressed to the Treasury requesting the approval of their Lordships to the increase of the subsidy to be paid to the Es Salt Hospital from £240 to £396.

Head X, Customs and Excise, Item 3.—The proposal to promote the Inspector of Customs involves only a small increase of expenditure and is considered reasonable. Attention is invited to Treasury letter No. E.16380 of the 12th April†.

Head XII, Education Department.—The Secretary of State strongly supports the modest increases proposed under this head.

Head XIV, Antiquities Department.—The salary of the Director of Antiquities is still shown at £508 in spite of the proposal made in the High Commissioner's despatch of the 30th of November‡, in which the salary of the new Director is shown as £456 per annum. (A copy of this despatch was enclosed in the letter from this Department of the 20th December§ regarding the appointment of a new Executive Council). It is proposed to ask the High Commissioner to explain this discrepancy.

Head XVIII, Police and Prisons, Items 11 and 12.—In this connection, I am to enclose a copy of a despatch from the High Commissioner, dated the 23rd February||, in which he proposed the appointment of a further British Officer to the Arab Legion. Sir Philip Cunliffe-Lister is in agreement with the High Commissioner's proposal, and trusts that their Lordships will approve the additional appointment.

Items 47-51.—Reference is invited to Treasury letter No. S.38014 of the 27th April¶. The new rates of pay were only sanctioned temporarily. It is presumed, however, that, as these revised rates have been included in the Estimates without comment, the High Commissioner considers that the new rates should be continued in spite of the fact that re-engagements must now be taking place. No increase of expenditure is involved and in these circumstances the Secretary of State would propose to inform the High Commissioner that the revised rates may be continued provided that he is satisfied that these scales of remuneration are still justified in spite of the dismissal of the Iraq Petroleum Company's drivers which is probably now taking place.

Head XXIV.—Provision was made in the Estimates, as originally submitted, for the purchase and installation of a new telephone exchange at an estimated cost of £3,500. It will be observed that this provision has been deleted from the Estimates for the present. The Trans-Jordan Government wish, however, to postpone it temporarily only, and it will be seen that provision of £500 has been retained for this service. The Trans-Jordan Government propose, if the financial position permits, to seek approval later in the year to proceed with this scheme. The Secretary of State would propose that the provision of £500 should be approved on the understanding that no money will be spent on this service without a further reference to their Lordships.

Head XXV, Item 3.—The Secretary of State supports the High Commissioner's proposal, which is explained at length in paragraph 5 of his despatch of the 13th December**, that three troop carrying cars should be provided for the Arab Legion. He hopes, therefore, that the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury will sanction this provision. A copy of a despatch†† from the High Commissioner is enclosed, from which it will be seen that the cost is now estimated to be £855.

Head XXV, Item 4.—Expenditure of £78 under this item has already been approved. Attention is invited to Treasury letter No. S.35961/01/34 of the 26th April‡‡.

Head XXVIII, Item 1.—Approval has already been given for the provision of £1,000 for expenditure which will be incurred in connection with the visit of the Amir Abdullah to this country next month.

* 37789/34 [No. 3]: not printed.
‡ 17757/33 [No. 2]: not printed.
|| 37790/34 [No. 1]: not printed.
** No. 34.
†† No. 39.
† 37753/34 [No. 3]: not printed.
§ 17757/33 [No. 3]: not printed.
¶ 17827/33 [No. 3]: not printed.
‡‡ 37800/34 [No. 3]: not printed.

As regards Item 2, I am to enclose a copy of a further despatch* which has been received from the High Commissioner explaining in more detail the special expenses which the Amir will incur in connection with the marriages of King Ghazi and the Amir Tallal. The fact that this expenditure has now been provided for under this Head and not under the Amir's Civil List, makes it quite clear that the increased provision for the Amir is temporary only. Sir Philip Cunliffe-Lister would propose that the £2,000 provided under this item should be sanctioned, but on the clear understanding that no expenditure will be incurred in connexion with the Amir Tallal, unless his marriage actually takes place. The proposed meeting between the Amir Abdullah and King Ibn Saud has now been abandoned. Attention is invited to Mr. R. A. Grieve's letter to Mr. O. G. R. Williams, No. S.30322 of the 2nd January†.

Head XXIX.—This expenditure has already been sanctioned in Treasury letter No. S.37503 of the 31st March‡. The sum of £620, however, which is shown as likely to be expended before the 31st March last, must now be included in the expenditure for the present year, and the provision of £14,380 should be increased to £15,000. In this connexion I am to explain that, subsequently to the receipt of the High Commissioner's despatch of the 12th of March§, the High Commissioner telegraphed to say that it had proved impossible to obtain seed in time for the summer sowing, and that he therefore recommended that the amount of £620 which had been provided for this purpose, should be used for further employment on road works. Copies of this telegram and of the Secretary of State's telegram to the High Commissioner of the 7th April|| conveying approval for these relief works in general, were sent to the Treasury in the letter from this Department of the 11th April¶.

7. I am to request that, subject to the comments made in paragraph 3 and under Heads IV, XIV, XVIII (items 47-51), XXIV and XXVIII of paragraph 6, their Lordships may be moved to approve the Estimates as now submitted.

I am, &c.,

O. G. R. WILLIAMS.

37729/34 [No. 6].

No. 42.

TRANS-JORDAN.

THE SECRETARY OF STATE

to

THE HIGH COMMISSIONER.

(Confidential.)

SIR,

Downing Street, 15th May, 1934.

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch confidential A, of the 29th of March**, forwarding revised Estimates for the Trans-Jordan Administration for the financial year 1934-35 and to transmit to you a copy of a letter which has been addressed to the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury††.

I will communicate with you further as soon as a reply is received from the Treasury.

I have, &c.,

P. CUNLIFFE-LISTER.

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* 37745/34 [No. 3]: not printed.
‡ 37734/34 [No. 18]: not printed.
|| 37734/34 [No. 20]: not printed.
** No. 39.
† 37745/34 [No. 1]: not printed.
§ 37734/34 [No. 15]: not printed.
¶ 37734/34 [No. 21]: not printed.
†† No. 41.

37729/34 [No. 25]

No. 43.

TRANS-JORDAN.

THE HIGH COMMISSIONER

to

THE SECRETARY OF STATE.

(Received 21st May, 1934.)

(Confidential.)

Jerusalem, 12th May, 1934.

SIR,

I have the honour to refer to correspondence ending with your telegram No. 26 of the 5th April*, on the subject of the construction of a telephone circuit in Trans-Jordan to link Palestine and Iraq and to inform you that the Postmaster General, Palestine, estimates that if the circuit is opened for traffic by the 1st October, 1934, the revenue accruing to Trans-Jordan up to the end of the current financial year will be £P.532.

2. I shall be grateful, therefore, if the revised draft Estimates of the Trans-Jordan Administration for 1934/35 which were submitted to you under cover of my despatch Confidential A of the 29th March, 1934†, may be amended by the inclusion of estimated receipts of £P.532 from the circuit and of provision for the reimbursement to Palestine of the same amount, which will be apportioned as follows:—

Interest on advance	£P.170
Maintenance	£P.175
Repayment of advance	£P.187
	£P.532

I have, &c.,

J. HATHORN HALL,

for High Commissioner for Trans-Jordan.

Absent on tour.

37729/34 [No. 12].

No. 44.

TRANS-JORDAN.

THE SECRETARY OF STATE

to

THE HIGH COMMISSIONER.

(Confidential.)

Downing Street, 29th May, 1934.

SIR,

I have the honour to refer to your Confidential despatch of the 5th May‡ and to inform you that after consultation with the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury I approve the inclusion in the revised Estimates of Administration, as a revote, of £P.275 for the purchase of two Bacterol Disinfecting Cabinets and apparatus and one Bacterol Portable Disinfector.

I have, &c.,

P. CUNLIFFE-LISTER.

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* 37793/34 [No. 17]: not printed. † No. 39. ‡ No. 40.

37729/34 [No. 15].

No. 45.

TRANS-JORDAN.

THE HIGH COMMISSIONER

to

THE SECRETARY OF STATE.

(Received 4th June, 1934.)

[*Answered by No. 48.*]

(No. 83.)

Jerusalem, 23rd May, 1934.

SIR,

I have the honour to refer to your telegram No. 113 of the 16th November, 1933*, in which you approved the expenditure of £P.500 on the registration and assessment of buildings in connexion with the application of the Trans-Jordan House and Land Tax Law to the municipal areas of Kerak and Tafileh, and to inform you that of this provision £P.250 remained unspent at the close of the financial year 1933-34.

2. At the time the revised draft Estimates of the Trans-Jordan Administration for 1934-35 were prepared by the Trans-Jordan Government it was not known that the work of registration and assessment in those towns would not be completed, and in consequence no provision for its continuance was included in the revised Estimates.

The Trans-Jordan Government now request sanction for the revote in the current financial year of the amount of £P.250 for this service, and ask that early authority may be given for its expenditure, in order that the work may be resumed as soon as possible.

3. The British Resident supports these requests and I recommend that they should be approved. No increase in the grant-in-aid will be involved, as the saving referred to in the first paragraph of this despatch was not taken into account in estimating the balance in hand at the 31st March, 1934.

4. I take this opportunity of requesting that authority may be given, if possible, in advance of approval of the Estimates as a whole, for the expenditure on the registration and assessment in similar circumstances of buildings at Salt and Madeba of the amount of £P.250 which has been provided for that purpose under Item 1 of Head XXVII, Ministry of Finance Extraordinary, of the revised draft Estimates for 1934-35.

5. I shall be grateful if your approval may be conveyed to me by telegraph.

I have, &c.,

ARTHUR WAUCHOPE,

High Commissioner for Trans-Jordan.

37729/34 [No. 18].

No. 46.

TREASURY

to

COLONIAL OFFICE.

(S.35961/01/34.)

Treasury Chambers, 8th June, 1934.

SIR,

I have laid before the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury Mr. Williams' letter of the 15th May, 1934†, together with the accompanying copy of a despatch‡ from the High Commissioner for Trans-Jordan forwarding revised Estimates of the Administration for the financial year 1934/35.

2. In reply I am to request you to inform Secretary Sir Philip Cunliffe-Lister that, subject to the comments made below and to the reservations referred to in paragraph 7

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* 17798/33 [No. 41]: not printed. † No. 41. ‡ No. 39.

of Mr. Williams' letter, My Lords approve the Estimates as submitted on the basis of the following totals (exclusive of the Trans-Jordan Frontier Force and Colonial Development Fund Heads):—

	£	£
Revenue		269,870
Expenditure—		
Ordinary	312,152	
Extraordinary	30,635	
		342,787
Deficit		£72,917

3. The Estimates for extraordinary expenditure include the sum of £14,380 for relief measures sanctioned by Treasury Letter S.37503 of the 31st March, 1934*. As stated in that letter, this extraordinary expenditure will be met to the extent of approximately £12,000 from arrears due from the Palestine Government in respect of the Trans-Jordan share of Customs duties. After allowance has been made for this receipt, which is not included in the 1934/35 revenue estimates, there remains a deficit on the Trans-Jordan Budget of approximately £60,000 which corresponds with the amount provided in the Estimate for Colonial and Middle Eastern services as a grant-in-aid.

4. In Their previous letter of the 15th February, 1934†, on the Trans-Jordan Estimates, My Lords referred to the considerable remissions of taxation which had been necessary in the Territory in recent years and They drew attention to the probability that remissions would again be necessary during 1934/35. They are glad to note that the revised Estimate for Revenue Head II, now submitted, has been framed so as to increase the allowance for possible remissions from £3,000 to £6,000.

5. As regards the provision of £3,000 under Head 28 for extraordinary expenditure of His Highness the Amir, My Lords note from the High Commissioner's despatch of the 17th February, 1934‡, that the sum of approximately £1,000 which was included in this provision on account of the projected marriage of the Amir Talal will not be expended unless the marriage actually takes place.

6. My Lords approve the detailed items of expenditure for which Their specific sanction is sought. In particular, They sanction the proposed expenditure of £855 on the purchase of three troop-carrying cars for the Arab Legion referred to in the High Commissioner's despatch of the 25th April, 1934§. They note from the High Commissioner's despatch dated the 29th March last‖ that promotions of individual officers will not be made without full justification for the promotion and They trust that the various new posts provided in the Estimates, e.g., under Head XII Education Department, will not be filled until the need for a new appointment is fully apparent.

7. My Lords would be glad to be informed as soon as possible of the actual out-turn of the Trans-Jordan budget for the year 1933/34 and to be furnished not later than the 30th November next with a forecast of the out-turn for 1934/35 based on the latest information available.

I am, &c.,

R. V. NIND HOPKINS.

37729/34 [No. 23]. No. 47.

TRANS-JORDAN.

THE HIGH COMMISSIONER

to

THE SECRETARY OF STATE.

(Received 11th June, 1934.)

[*Answered by No. 50.*]

(Confidential.)

SIR, Jerusalem, 2nd June, 1934.

I have the honour to refer to the revised draft Estimates of the Trans-Jordan Administration which were enclosed in my despatch Confidential A of the 29th March, 1934¶, and to inform you that certain changes are necessary in the items relating to grants from the Colonial Development Fund, in the light of information which has recently become available.

* 37734/34 [No. 18]: not printed. † No. 37. ‡ 37745/34 [No. 3]: not printed.
§ 37800/34 [No. 4]: not printed. ‖ No. 39. ¶ No. 39.

2. It will be observed that the figure shown under Item 1 of Head XXXI of the revised estimates of expenditure, as the original estimated cost of the scheme for the improvement of water supplies is £P.6,450. This figure is incorrect; the total estimated cost is £P.6,500, and approval has been obtained for grants from the Colonial Development Fund to this amount (*vide* your despatch No. 150 of the 19th October, 1933)*.

3. At the time when the Trans-Jordan Estimates were drafted it was anticipated that the expenditure incurred on the scheme up to the 31st of March, 1934, would be £P.4,000. The actual expenditure proves to be £P.569,661 mils only. It is consequently necessary to amend the figure of £P.4,000 in the third column against Head XXXI, Item 1, to read £P.570, and to increase the provision in the fourth column for estimated expenditure in 1934-35 from £P.1,500 to £P.4,980.

4. No part of the approved grant from the Colonial Development Fund was credited to the funds of the Trans-Jordan Administration in the financial year 1933-34 and consequently the full cost of the first part of the scheme, namely £P.5,550, will fall to be paid to Trans-Jordan during 1934-35. This will entail the increase of Item 1 of Head XI of the revised Revenue estimates from £P.1,300 to £P.5,550.

5. No alteration in the grant-in-aid is involved since the estimated surplus at the 31st March, 1934, mentioned in paragraph 2 of my despatch of the 29th March, 1934, must be reduced by both the sum of £P.570 referred to in the third paragraph of this despatch (which was not offset by any grant from the Colonial Development Fund before the 31st March, 1934) and also the amount of £P.200 by which it was anticipated that the receipts from the Fund would exceed expenditure on the scheme in the financial year 1933-34 (*vide* page 18 of the Financial Adviser's memorandum enclosed in my despatch of the 29th March).

The summary of the financial position which was set out in the second paragraph of that despatch should be revised as follows:—

	£P.	£P.
Estimated surplus 31st March, 1934 ...	16,347	
Estimated revenue 1934-35—local ...	269,870	
Estimated revenue 1934-35—Grants from Colonial Development Fund	5,550	
		291,767
Estimated Expenditure 1934-35—Ordinary	312,152	
Estimated Expenditure 1934-35—Extraordinary	30,635	
Estimated Expenditure 1934-35—Colonial Development Fund Grants	4,980	
Required as working balance at 31st March, 1935	4,000	
		351,767

6. The British Resident anticipates that the greater part of the expenditure on the scheme for the improvement of water supplies will have been met by the Crown Agents during the months of April and May, and he requests that the proposed expenditure of £P.4,980 may be approved in advance of the Estimates as a whole, in order that legislation may be enacted to enable the Government to pass the debits involved.

I shall be grateful if I may receive your approval by telegraph for the proposed expenditure and if the consequential amendments described in paragraphs 2, 3 and 4 of this despatch may be introduced into the revised draft Trans-Jordan Estimates for 1934-35.

I have, &c.,

A. G. WAUCHOPE,

High Commissioner for Trans-Jordan.

37729/34 [No. 21]. No. 48.

TRANS-JORDAN.

THE SECRETARY OF STATE

to

THE HIGH COMMISSIONER.

(Sent 3.30 p.m., 13th June, 1934.)

TELEGRAM.

No. 46. Your despatch of 23rd May No. 83†. Proposals approved.

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* 17793/1/33 [No. 14]: not printed. † No. 45

37729/34 [No. 20].

No. 49.

TRANS-JORDAN.

THE SECRETARY OF STATE

to

THE HIGH COMMISSIONER.

(Confidential.)

SIR, Downing Street, 15th June, 1934.

I have the honour to refer to my confidential despatch of the 15th of May* enclosing a copy of a letter† to the Treasury regarding the revised Estimates for the Trans-Jordan Administration, 1934-35, and to transmit to you a copy of a letter‡ which has been received from the Treasury in reply.

2. Subject to the comments referred to in paragraph 7 of the letter from the Colonial Office to the Treasury of the 15th May† and to that contained in the following paragraph of this despatch, I now approve the revised estimates submitted with your despatch Confidential A of the 29th of March§.

3. Under Head XVII of Expenditure, Lands Department, A—Personal Emoluments, provision has been made in Item 4 for two Inspectors who are understood to be the Chief Clerk and Technical Assistant, and the Controller of State Domains. Item 5 contains provision for a Chief Clerk and in the Remarks column this is stated to be " in lieu of post under Item 3 ". Since, however, Item 3 is together with Item 2 absorbed in Item 4 it appears that an additional post has been included for which no explanation has been given. The result is an increase of the estimated expenditure under Head XVIIA amounting to £P.156 as compared with the original estimate. I should be glad to be informed of the position in this respect.

4. Further information is also requested regarding the salary of the Director of Antiquities to which reference is made in the letter to the Treasury of the 15th May.

5. Attention is invited to paragraph 6 of the letter from the Treasury in which the hope is expressed that the various new posts provided in the estimates, e.g., under Head XII, Education Department, will not be filled until the need for a new appointment is fully apparent. In this connexion I note from paragraph 4 of your despatch of the 29th of March that the promotions included in the estimates will not be put into effect until the Heads of the Trans-Jordan Departments concerned have satisfied the Government in each individual case that there is justification for the promotion. I also note that you will be addressing a further despatch to me regarding the appointment of an additional British Officer in the Arab Legion.

6. I take this opportunity to approve the re-vote of £P.100 recommended in your despatch No. 79 of the 18th of May‖ for the provision of reserve stores of rations at the desert posts of the Arab Legion. The indent for three 2-ton Ford truck chassis enclosed in your confidential despatch of the 25th April¶ has been forwarded to the Crown Agents for the Colonies for execution.

7. I shall be glad if arrangements may be made for the information requested in paragraph 7 of the Treasury letter to be supplied.

I have, &c.,

P. CUNLIFFE-LISTER.

37729/34 [No. 24].

No. 50.

TRANS-JORDAN.

THE SECRETARY OF STATE

to

THE HIGH COMMISSIONER.

(Sent 4.15 p.m., 20th June, 1934.)

TELEGRAM.

No. 47. Your despatch of 2nd June Confidential**. I approve proposed expenditure and consequential amendments to revised Estimates.

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* No. 42. † No. 41. ‡ No. 46. § No. 39. ‖ 37729/34 [No. 13]: not printed.
¶ 37800/34 [No. 4]: not printed. ** No. 47.

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